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By Way of Introduction

Today MEMORIAL CHURCH MESSENGER visits the homes of the congregation for the first time. It is edited and published by the pastor and stewards. It is their purpose to issue it monthly and let it reach the people just before each first Sunday. It will ordinarily contain short accounts of the work of the church for the previous month, and announcements and plans for the future. Besides this the pastor will want to speak very plainly and directly to his members concerning the essential things of the Christian life and their loyalty to Christ and the church.

There are many good and strong things connected with the church which will be praised and brought to the attention of the people through these pages; there are a few weak points in its life which should be built up and made strong; there will appear an occasional evil that will need correction; to all of these things the MESSENGER will devote itself. It is not published to give the news of the city; this can be had from the local papers; nor is it to give primarily the general news of the church at large; this information is found in abundance in the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* which ought to be in every home. The special purpose is to minister to this particular congregation in spiritual matters, promoting a holier worship and a more Christ-like type of living among us.

No subscription price will be charged for this magazine. Of course the cost of it will be considerable, three hundred dollars or more for a year, but this will be secured privately by a committee whose names appear elsewhere in this issue. It

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will be noted also that no advertisements are carried. Those who feel that the MESSENGER will be of service to the work here are invited to make any contribution they are able to make in order that it may be put into every home without distinction. Send check to the committee or to the pastor.

We send forth this little publication with the hope that every one who reads it may receive large benefit therefrom. Help us in every possible way to make it accomplish the end we seek. With good wishes, and prayers for the blessing of God upon all departments of the church's life, we remain,

Very sincerely your friends,

H. M. NORTH, *Pastor*,

N. P. BODDIE, *For Board of Stewards*.

A Letter to Members Outside the City

MY DEAR FRIEND:

You are one of the members that Memorial has outside the city who still count this their church home. The congregation joins with me in sending greetings and love to you. Our people remember you with great interest. Do not let your love for the church die out nor your interest in it wane. We want you to come back as often as possible and renew your vows around its altars, and receive a fresh inspiration here for the work of your life. I am anxious that you should feel the influence of this church strong upon you. Remember that its vows are as sacred and binding upon you there as upon us here. We are striving to keep them in all faithfulness, and it will be a joy to us to know that you are trying to do likewise. Be sure to find the way frequently to some house of God near where you live; be a constant reader of His Word, and keep your habits of prayer from failing. There will be many a temptation to draw you away from the old standards of religion, but I hope very much that you will not yield to any one of them.

Will you not write occasionally, letting me hear something

of your life and plans? I should like to know too if you would appreciate the coming of the MESSENGER once a month to your address.

With every good wish and prayer for your success in all right things, I am,

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

H. M. NORTH.

Durham District Sunday School Conference

The Sunday School Conference of the Durham District will meet at Memorial Church September 8-10, beginning on Wednesday night and closing on Friday afternoon. The pastors, superintendents and at least one member from every Sunday School in the district are expected to attend. Larger numbers should come from the schools near by.

An excellent program dealing with important phases of Sunday School work has been arranged. Among the speakers are Mr. J. M. Way, one of the Divisional Secretaries, and Mr. M. W. Brabham, Field Secretary of the North Carolina Conference. A special chorus from the Methodist Sunday Schools of the city will furnish music for the Conference.

The Sunday School workers of Durham are fortunate in having a meeting of this sort in their midst. It is hoped that many members of the churches and Sunday Schools of the city will attend these conferences. The general public is invited to all of them.

OUR CHURCH

A certain little four-year old boy, while praying for the members of his family a few nights ago, asked the Lord to bless Brother North too. This same boy told a friend that the chimes at Memorial belonged to him. And a little girl on another street, when she heard that the new minister had come, said that she was going to put his name in her prayer and pray for him. Is this not a good and a lovely thing that the children should feel that the chimes and the preacher belong to them? And indeed they are right, for the church and all that is in it, the preacher and all the service he can render, these belong to the children of the congregation. One can not help thinking that may be the little boy and girl mentioned above had fathers and mothers who taught them to love and reverence these things and to be loyal and true to the church. Should not all the young people be trained to love their pastor as a servant of God, and to look upon the church as the center of their lives?

Do not feel that the church belongs to others, and that you have but little or no lot in the matter. Every member ought to feel that the great church belongs to him, or her, and have a solemn joy in telling others of having such a possession. It matters not how poor or small you may consider yourself, still the church is your very own. Ownership in the church ought not to be measured by what men are able to give or do for it, but rather by their love and loyalty to it. Even the child or the decrepit old man may be intensely loyal. All pews in Memorial are built alike, and they stand open to all people who come to worship God.

Enough members live in sight of the church to fill the prayer meeting room, but some of them do not go. Do you not think that an official member should attend the Wednesday evening services unless there be some special hindrance?

Again, ought not their wives and families to be there too? In doing this they must surely get much good out of it themselves, and then they show that they are true leaders of the people. Other people who just haven't been going cannot give any good reason for not doing so. They would get out of these services strength and rest and inspiration. The fall is upon us now; the heat will not keep you from going; the cold will not hinder you; every thing is in your favor if you will only start. You have felt many times that you should go; then obey at once that high impulse.

"Let the stewards be men of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline, and of good natural and acquired abilities to transact the temporal business of the church." The passage just quoted is paragraph No. 195 of the Discipline. It should be esteemed a high honor among us to hold a stewardship in the church. It should call for the exercise of our best effort to so live that men would say that we are worthy of the place. As a steward, do I love God? Am I loyal to the church? Have I clean hands and a pure heart?

One of the most important organizations connected with Memorial Church is the Woman's Missionary Society. At present it has one hundred and seven members. There are more than a hundred other women who would do well to join this society. It would be a great benefit to them in their own personal life, but especially they are asked to join because of the unselfish service they can render to the work of Christ's kingdom elsewhere. Ought not every woman to have some part in the spread of the Gospel outside her home church? This is a great privilege as well as duty given us by the Master.

This society has already raised five hundred dollars for improving the basement of the church, and is working on the three hundred for the Conference Pledge to be reported the first of January.

The business meeting of the Missionary Society is held on the first Monday of each month, and the Literary meeting is on the second Monday of each month. For the month of September, the hour in either case is four o'clock in the afternoon.

It is good for us to turn occasionally and read the vows that we took on joining the church, and ask ourselves whether or not we are keeping them. In the first place we promised to be subject to the discipline of the church; that is to obey its rules. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a part of the General Rules of the Methodist Church. Read them carefully and see if you are subject to them. Find the rest in a copy of the Discipline and read them there. The second vow was to attend upon the ordinances of the church. This means that you are to attend public worship, to read the Bible, to pray in your home, and to take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Is it your custom to do these things? The third promise was to support the institutions of the church. Some of these are Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Church College, the Religious Paper of the Conference, and they should be supported by your prayers and influence and contributions. A vow is a sacred thing and if we are true we must keep it.

Below are given the rules of the Methodist Church which refer to the things we should not do. The others of a positive nature will be given in a later issue.

Avoid evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced: such as:

The taking of the name of the Lord in vain.

The profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness, or drinking spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity.

Fighting, quarrelling, brawling; brother going to law with brother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing; the using many words in buying or selling.

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

The giving or taking things on usuary, i. e., unlawful interest.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation, particularly speaking evil of magistrates or ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

Doing what we know is not for the glory of God: as the putting on of gold and costly apparel; the taking such diversions as can not be used in the name of the Lord Jesus; the singing those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God; softness or needless self-indulgence; laying up treasure upon earth; borrowing without a probability of paying; or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

We should be very attentive to learn these rules for two reasons; the first is that they are taken from the teachings of the Scriptures, and the second is that we promised to keep them.

It is our duty to give. The Lord expects it of us. We promised when we joined the church that we would do it. It is a part of our religion, like praying and singing and telling the truth. Now just as other people cannot do these things for us, so they cannot give in our place. They will have enough to do to keep up with their own giving.

But we must give in the right spirit. It will be of small profit to us unless we do. Be in a good humor while giving. Give with cheerfulness. This is the way God pours his riches into our hands, and we should return to Him in the same manner. To give in a miserly, stingy, grudging sort of manner is no way for a Christian to give. Many people are behind in their contributions to the Lord's cause; they have kept back part of the price. Bring all the gifts into the store house if you would have God to bless you.

Every one should contribute. It is a great mistake for a part of the membership to refuse to give and to leave it all for a few who are willing. But somebody will say "I am too poor

to give." But this is wrong for no one is too poor to give something. He may not give as much as the rich, and should not do so. He that has much, let him give much, and he that has little, let him give little. If all the people in Memorial Church would give just what they are able to do, then all the expenses of the church would be met without any great effort, and no one would be hurt.

The General Confession is made at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. The minister leads it, and all those who are going to take the Communion should say it with him. It will be well for all of the people to memorize these words and let them be their prayer on next Sunday morning at the beginning of this solemn feast.

GENERAL CONFESSIO

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let every one who was out of Sunday School during the summer begin again in September. Many who have not attended for years would do well to enter now. Special attention is called to the classes for grown men and women taught by Mr. Jordan and Dr. Few and Miss Lily Duke and Mrs. Dixon. This will be a fine time for everyone to rally to the Sunday School. All in their places at nine-thirty next Sunday would be a glorious sight. Will you not come and bring your family.

There is no good reason why every one should not belong to some branch of the Sunday School. All of the people cannot attend in person, but this does not hinder them from being members. The Home Department was established to meet the needs of those who for any reason do not go to the sessions of the School on Sunday mornings. The Sunday School thus extends itself into the homes of the people. A special magazine is published and placed in the hands of all who will enroll themselves in this department and agree to study the lessons at home. This magazine contains a great deal more however than just the lessons for the quarter. By using it they are able to keep up with the school in its study and with the growth of the work throughout the whole church.

In this class are mothers kept home with little children; old people, invalids and shut-ins. Also men who are connected with public service in the community, such as railroad and street car men, policemen and firemen, and all those who for any cause are not able to be at church.

Memorial Sunday School has 140 members in its Home Department. Dr. N. P. Boddie is superintendent of this branch of the work, assisted by Mrs. G. W. Teer, Mrs. W. T. Green, Mrs. Jessie Dixon, Mrs. R. J. Aiken, Mrs. Irene Blacklock and Miss Mary Reade. Any of these will be glad to fur-

nish information and literature and have you enrolled. Will you not speak to them?

The Sunday School claims the little folks from the very hour of their birth. Before you have had time to name the little one, telephone to Mrs. Frank Green and tell her to put a new boy or new girl on the Cradle Roll, leaving a blank for the name to be inserted later. It is the plan of the church to put its hand on the child the first day it lives and keep it there all the days of its life. It will be worth while after awhile to tell the child of its lifelong membership in the Sunday School. Find children in homes where parents are not members of the church, and place them on this sacred list of the little ones in God's kingdom.

PERSONAL SQUIBS

We are glad to see those who have been away for the summer in their places once more. With rested minds and bodies they will enter with renewed vigor into the work of the church.

Memorial Church suffers a distinct loss in the removal of Bishop Kilgo and Dr. Parker from our midst. They are men always ready and willing to give of their best without stint. And especially did they show great kindness to this church while they had their homes here.

Have you called on the new family that has come into your community? Be sure to drop in there before next Sunday and invite them to our Church and Sunday School, and do not forget to notify the pastor of the location of their residence.

Have you noted the fine work of the ushers of our church? They seat the congregation with great ease and quietude. They are an important aid to the worship of the day.

Lonnie Taylor, the sexton, deserves the thanks of the congregation for the fine care he takes of the buildings and the grounds. He appears to love his work and to think about it, and he is faithful in every particular.

In our church there are ten families which together furnish eighty-two members. Do you know of another church that can equal this? It would be fine to see them all come in together and occupy the same tier of seats, these ten fathers and ten mothers followed by sixty-two children, and all of them members here. It is always an inspiration to see a whole

family sitting together in the house of worship. Somehow one feels then that the parents are taking Christianity seriously and are trying to bring their children up in the atmosphere of the Gospel.

Do you read in the *Durham Sun* on Saturday afternoons the articles written by your pastor under the head "Things Pertaining to Life?" They have been appearing all this year. He is writing them for your sake and would be glad for you to read them.

HERE AND THERE

Do not destroy the copies of the MEMORIAL MESSENGER, but keep them all on file in a safe place. They are put in magazine form so that they may be easily preserved. This publication will come after awhile to embody the history of the church, and it will be of interest to go over these pages from time to time to see what the church is doing.

The congregation was standing and was in the midst of the second hymn; strangers entered and were shown to their place; a young man stepped across the aisle with hymn book extended in his hand; the visitors received it with a grateful smile. It was all so thoughtful and so quickly done, and such a fitting thing it was that others wondered why it had not occurred to them. Go thou and do likewise.

Every Sunday there are new faces in the congregation. May be they worship with us for the first time; possibly they have but recently come to the city. How would it do for several people to go speak to them inviting them to make Memorial their home church, and also introduce them to the pastor?

Did you get one of the little histories of the Methodist Church in Durham prepared and written by Rev. Costen J. Harrell? If you failed to secure a copy ask one of the ushers or the pastor and you may have one without cost.

The pastor will appreciate very much receiving notice when any of his members are sick. Why should not the family themselves let him know? He will be unable to keep in touch with the entire congregation at one time unless he can receive information of this sort from those who have it.

Every lady should take her glove off when going to the communion table. There are at least two good reasons for this; I wonder who can guess what they are.

Bring a dollar and a half with you to church and ask the pastor to have the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* sent you for a year. Tell him that you want it for your children, and that you yourself need it very much for your own spiritual growth, and to enable you to inform yourself of the work of the Kingdom of God on earth. How long has it been since a religious paper came regularly to your home?

Any one reading this who finds that his *Advocate* subscription has run out, let him hand the money to the pastor and it will be renewed at once. A few are more than a year behind whereas the payments should be kept ahead.

The session of the North Carolina Conference will be held in Wilmington this year. The date has been changed from November 17 to December 1st. Bishop John C. Kilgo will preside, and it will be the first time the conference has had the pleasure of his presidency.

Have you a copy of the recent Discipline in your home? By applying to the pastor you may have one for the small price of thirty cents. It is a book which should be in the hands of all Methodists and should be carefully read by them. Next Sunday would be a good time to ask for a copy.

Among the many differences between a man and a beast there is this one, the different manner in which each receives his food. The beast is glad to get his, but he is not thankful for it. The man is both glad and thankful. So the man pauses a moment before eating and asks a blessing over the meal and returns thanks to Him who gave it. Is it not much better to be a man than a beast? What is the custom at your home?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New college students as well as old ones are given hereby a cordial welcome to Memorial. They are earnestly invited to make this their church home while they remain in the city. Ample opportunity is furnished with us for their worship and spiritual development.

A reception will be given to the students of Trinity College, Trinity Park School, and of the Conservatory of Music in the Sunday School building of Memorial Church on Tuesday evening, September 14.

The pastor wishes to preach especially to the children and young people next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The sermon will be a short one before the Communion Service. Let all parents and teachers come with the young folks and give them seats to the front.

From time to time through the fall and winter and spring sacred musical concerts will be given in the church auditorium on week nights. Mrs. S. W. Venable, organist and choir leader, will have them in charge. These concerts will be for all the people of the city who wish to hear them, and they will be free to all. The church has a great deal of musical talent which will gladly contribute its best for these occasions. The concerts should mean much to the religious life of the community. The first of them will be held on Thursday night, the 23rd of September, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. B. Duke has recently added another to his many gifts, and this time it is to North Carolina Methodism. It is an annual donation in three parts; the first is fifteen thousand dollars to Church Extension, to aid in building churches at weak points; the second is ten thousand dollars for Home

Missions, to help on the salaries of men at weak places; the third is ten thousand for the old preachers who have served their day in the ranks and are not more able to work. It would be hard to find any causes in the work of the Church in the state that could better use these amounts. Many benefited by these donations will have good reason to thank Mr. Duke.

The work of the Bright Jewel Band has been held together very well during the summer. The next meeting will be on the fourth Sunday in September at three o'clock in the afternoon. The subject of the present study is the "World Family." In October the Circle Work will be taken up again. The children do their part well and we are urging all the parents to help the little folks by showing their interest in the mission.

MRS. J. K. MASON, *Manager*.

The Young People's Mission Society meets the first and the third Sunday afternoons at three o'clock in the basement of the church. The young people from fourteen years of age to twenty-two may become members. There are forty members at present. The class has recently completed a study course on "The Price of Africa."

MISS ESTELLE FLOWERS, *President*.

The Epworth League meets at four o'clock on Sunday afternoons in the Sunday School rooms to hold its devotional services. During the summer months these services were held at seven thirty in the evening and were well attended. Once a month a social meeting is held for the members and their friends, in the basement of the building.

IRVING ALLEN, *President*.

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Monthly Letter from the Pastor to His People

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

The fall is bringing us good things at Memorial Church. The attendance on public worship is so much better than it was in the summer, and the interest of the people is deepened in all that pertains to the church. We have so many loyal members that I have cause very frequently to thank God for them. I am desirous that October may be a rich month for all of you, both in the fruits of your labors and in spiritual living. I want you to love the church and live for it because Christ loved it and died for it. Love not so much the beautiful building where we worship but most of all the people who compose the congregation.

And again, I wish so much that all of you would come to church at least once every Sunday. You do not realize how much you are missing by staying away. The excuses you give would be exceedingly weak if offered to God. I try to have an earnest, living message from the presence of my Lord to bring you every Sunday, and I feel that you should be present to hear it.

Occasionally I find that my people are better acquainted with some other church than they are with their own. One reason is they go to other churches at night instead of coming to Memorial. Yet it was your own church you promised to support and not another, and I feel that God will expect you to fulfill these vows. Friends, do not be so weak as to be pulled here and there but stand by your own church and pastor though the heavens fall. Do not allow the drifting habit to get you.

But you say, "I go to hear all." Yes, I know you do, and those who spend their time going to hear all are usually of but little service to any.

And to you who are sick, and cannot go forth as formerly, let me say that our Lord is refining your soul in the furnace of affliction, and Jesus is allowing you to go to the Garden of Gethsemane with Him where you have fellowship with Him in suffering. God has something glorious for you if you but hold fast to Him in the time of pain and weakness.

I wish I might soften my voice like that of a mother or an angel to speak a word to those of you who are bowed under the weight of grief. I would whisper in your ear that our Lord is good and surely He has borne our sorrows and carried our griefs, and He will go with us to the end.

Finally, I would have you remember that every morning between seven and eight o'clock I am in my room on my knees praying for you, the members of our church. Before my eyes pass the children and the young people and the grown ones, and I ask God for them all. Do you ask me what the prayer is? I can not tell you much of it. But especially I ask God to keep you, even you, from yielding to temptation and from falling into sin, and that you shall be holy and true in all things.

Invoking the benediction of God the Father to rest upon the homes and lives of every one of you, I am

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

OUR CHURCH

The Sunday School

I have been asked by the pastor to put in a word for our Sunday School. We are glad for a chance to say something and will be glad of other chances from time to time.

There seems to be growing among our members a greater loyalty to the school and an increasing pride in its work, but to anyone who thinks about it seriously it is very evident that we have still many defects and much weakness.

The causes of this weakness are not hard to find. Let us consider the main one of them briefly. There is not a sense of responsibility felt by the whole church for the school. Out of a church register of about nine hundred members, we have a school roll of about seven hundred and of these nearly half are children not members of the church, outsiders who belong to no church, and students, who are here only a part of the year. In the ranks of these stay away members are many business and professional people who are responsible and valuable men and women in the community and who would add greatly to the efficiency of the school, if only they could be made to realize how badly they are needed, and how great a service the Sunday School does for the community and the State.

What we need is not a school run by a superintendent and a corps of officers and teachers, somewhat on the same lines as a public school, but a school carried on by a whole church for all its members, all its children, and all the outsiders it can reach, where all are in earnest to study God's word, to learn his will, and to do his commands.

And now, finally, we appeal to those of our folks who are too lazy or too selfish to help, and we promise you that if you will come we will help you get rid of your laziness and selfishness; and to those who are too busy, or who do not consider Sunday school work as worthy of their talents, we say this: If you want to put yourself where you can *touch most vitally*

the life of this town and serve it most effectively, you will get into the Sunday School of the church where you belong and ask for something to do.

R. N. WILSON.

A Sunday School Conference for the Durham District was held at Memorial during the second week of September. One hundred and thirty-two delegates were present. Of these fifty-six were from the city, and seventy-six from the charges outside. The presiding elder so planned and directed the discussions that the interest was maintained throughout the meeting. Nearly every phase of the Sunday School work received close attention. The details however can not be given here. The ladies of the churches of Durham rendered a fine service in providing dinner on the two days of the conference.

Sacred Concert and Reception

The following account was taken from the *Morning Herald* of September 24th:

The first of the sacred concerts, planned by the choir of Memorial Methodist Church for the winter, was rendered in the church auditorium last evening. An excellent audience, representing many of the Durham churches, gathered to hear the initial program. The pastor, Rev. H. M. North, in stating the purpose of the concerts, said that they were not given to be entertaining merely, but to enable the people who attend them to worship under the inspiration of great music. This purpose was admirably realized last evening, for a more attentive and reverent congregation it would be difficult to find.

The program was in every way admirable. The numbers were selected with great care, and the parts were excellently balanced. Mrs. S. W. Venable, the organist and the director of the choir, has been preparing the program for some weeks, and to her is due particular credit for the success of the evening. The choir is composed of some of the best musical talent of the city, and their singing in no sense fell short of their rep-

utation. During the winter season these sacred concerts will be rendered in the church about once a month. The music lovers of Durham will look forward to them with much pleasure. The program on yesterday evening was as follows:

1. Festival Prelude in F—E. Lemaigre.
2. Doxology.
3. Invocation—
“Fear Not O Land”—J. H. Rogers.
“Lord for Thy Mercies Sake”—J. H. Rogers.
4. Pavane Favorite (Louis XIV)—Brisson Craig.
5. Ase's Death.
6. “Behold Ye Despisers”—H. W. Parker.
Baritone Obligato—Preston Epps.
7. Violin Solo—“Meditation”—Gerald Bryant.
8. “O Lamb of God”—A. J. Holden.
9. Postlude Toccato in G—T. Dubois.

Immediately after the concert a reception was given in the basement of the church in honor of the students of Trinity College, Trinity Park School, and the Southern Conservatory of Music.

Young People's Missionary Society

This society fills an important place in the life of the church. The purpose is to train the young people of the church in systematic giving, to interest them in missions, and to educate them to become useful, intelligent leaders in missionary work. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one is eligible to membership. Forty-two members have already been enrolled, but there are a great many more boys and girls in Memorial Church between the ages indicated above who should belong to it. To these the society extends a cordial invitation to attend its meetings which are held on the first and third Sunday afternoons at three o'clock in the basement of the Sunday School Room.

On Sunday night, October 3rd, these young people will give the “Call to Christian America,” a representation in which

the different nations make their appeals to America for help. The nations and the girls representing them are: America or Liberty, Zalene Allen; China, Imogen Hix; Brazil, Marjory Rogers; Korea, Cora Moss; Cuba, Mary Wilson; Immigrant Chinese, Margaret Martin; European Immigrant, Louise Crumpacker; Japan, Inez Allen; Mexico, Adelaide Graham; Africa, Grace Wilder; American Negro, Melissa Aiken; American Indian, Lida Howard; Mill Child, Leonora Aiken; City Representative, Ione Bivins; Deaconess, Estelle Flowers.

It is earnestly hoped that a large congregation will be present on next Sunday night.

MISS ESTELE FLOWERS, *President.*

How Money Matters Stand

The financial secretary makes a startling report to those who take the affairs of the church seriously. Note how it reads:

Members of Memorial Church.....	900
Those assessed for the year.....	694
Number who have paid something on assessment....	386
Those who have paid assessment in full to date.....	64

Many interesting questions might be asked about this statement. For instance: Who are the 206 who were not assessed? Who are they who make up the number 64? Can any one imagine that 514 members have paid nothing this year? It is not strange then that the pastor's salary should be more than two months behind, is it? And that not one dollar has been paid on the Conference Collections or benevolent objects of the church? Does it not seem that for shame on the one hand, and for loyalty to the church and for love to the Christ on the other hand, the great body of the membership would come with its gifts and lift this reproach from the church? Turn to the prophecy of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, find the third chapter, and beginning at the eighth verse read four verses. Read it slowly and thoughtfully, and see if it applies to you.

If it does, get down on your knees and repent before God, and then restore to Him what has been held back so long. Would it seem a strange thing to know that the hard times have visited us because so many people held back a part of the price from God? Surely the membership of Memorial Church will not allow this statement to appear as it now is in the MESSENGER next month.

The Methodist churches of Durham are asked by their pastors to make the month of October a time of special prayer for the unsaved of the community. There are many young people around Memorial Church who have not yet come out on the side of Christ who ought to be led to Him. Hundreds of grown men and grown women who lived all their lives outside should have prayers offered for them and be asked to come in during the month. Some of these people are closely connected with the families of this church, and we should be deeply interested in their welfare. Let every member of the church who has son or daughter, husband or wife, brother or sister or parent who is not a Christian pray earnestly and use every effort to bring that loved one into the New Life before October closes.

PERSONAL RELIGION

Morning Prayer in the Home

Let us see how it can be done even in this busy time of ours when we live by the clock. The family is seated around the breakfast table; a little copy of the Book is brought; only two or three verses are read; heads are bowed reverently over the plates; father utters a short prayer of thanksgiving for the protection of the night just spent, and a petition that God will keep the members of the household all through the day; a blessing is asked upon the church, and the great world which is sinning and dying, and grace is said over the meal before us, and then the meal is eaten. Maybe our bread would be sweeter and go further, and the day would be better if we began it so. If father is not there, then mother leads. Tomorrow morning would be an excellent time to try this plan.

The Responsibility of Parents

Has it ever occurred to you that the children in your home are growing to manhood and womanhood, and some are not yet Christians? Who will lead them to the Lord if you neglect them? Who else has more interest in them? Ostriches leave their young ones to grow up the best they can, allowing them to be exposed to all sorts of danger. Some parents act thus toward their children. If they grow up to be good, live well and die well, then of course the parents are glad. If on the other hand they go off into sin and stay there their parents seem to care but little. Do you bring the children to church with you, and do you go to Sunday School with them? Is it your custom to read them the Bible, to pray with them and for them, to talk to them of their lives and of eternal things? Fathers and mothers of Memorial there is possibly no more pressing duty than the one mentioned above, and you should

agonize until it be fulfilled. A certain young man lay dying and said to his father, "Father I never heard you pray." Had such a parent fulfilled his duty to his son?

That part of the General Rules which refers to things we should not do was published last month. In this issue are found the ones which relate to our active duties. We are told that those who really want to be saved should show their desire in the following ways:

By doing good, by being in every kind merciful after their power, as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible to all men. Doing good to their bodies of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison. Doing good to their souls, by instructing, reproving, exhorting, all we have any intercourse with, even when we do not feel like it. Doing good, especially to them who are of the household of faith, or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others, buying one of another, helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own, and them only. By all possible diligence and frugality that the Gospel be not blamed. By running with patience the race that is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and the offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them for the Lord's sake.

In the last place they should attend upon all the ordinances of God: such are, the public worship of God; the ministry of the word, either read or expounded; the Supper of the Lord; family and private prayer; searching the Scriptures; and fasting or abstinence.

After having read these rules, let us ask ourselves solemnly if we try earnestly to keep them.

PARAGRAPHS *on Many Things*

The people are asking after the Junior Choir. Who are the boys and girls that compose it, and where are they? Let us have the young folks organized and trained, and they will add much to the singing force of the congregation.

Frank H. Green, C. A. Jordan and Geo. T. McCracken are the committee to secure money for publishing and mailing the MESSENGER. Make any contribution you can to them for this cause.

The first contribution made to the MEMORIAL MESSENGER was sent by a poor woman, and the amount was ten cents. The last one received at this writing was a check for twenty-five dollars enclosed with the following letter: "I read the MEMORIAL MESSENGER. It is good, and will do good, and I am glad to enclose a small contribution." The spirit of love and loyalty which prompts such gifts as these two is the finest possession of the church.

Mr. M. W. Brabham, Sunday School Field Secretary for the North Carolina Conference, is a member of Memorial Church. He has his office in the East Wing of the Duke Building at Trinity College. He is one of the best informed Sunday School men to be found anywhere, and he has done excellent work during the four years he has labored in the state.

Rev. W. W. Peele will preach at Memorial next Sunday, October, the third, at eleven, and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper following the sermon. He will also preside at the night service over the exercises of the Young People's Mission Society. The pastor is assisting in a meeting at Clinton this week.

Delight is expressed on all sides at the selection of Rev. W. W. Peele to carry on the work which Dr. F. N. Parker was doing at Trinity College. The faculty and students have full confidence in him, and the church throughout the state feels deeply satisfied in knowing that he is to fill this place.

Rev. J. A. Dailey, pastor of West Durham Church, expects to begin a protracted meeting in his church on Sunday, October 3rd. Rev. Costen J. Harrell is planning to begin such services at Mangum Street Church on Sunday, October 24th. Memorial members ought to attend these services as much as possible and to pray for their success. We should help each other in these great spiritual movements.

The *Missionary Voice* is a monthly magazine and will visit your home twelve times a year for fifty cents. It is a publication which might well be taken by every woman of the congregation. Does it go to your home? If it does not, hand half a dollar to Mrs. Harris King, and she will take pleasure in having it sent to your address.

Remember that you need the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*. It comes every week at the price of one dollar and a half for the year. You can hardly invest this amount of money to better advantage for the family. It might be the means of saving one or more of the children. At least you will have the satisfaction of knowing that this good influence was placed where it could reach them. Allow the pastor to send in your subscription. Subscribe now, and you can get it until the first of January, 1917, for one dollar and a half.

An excellent menu for the table of a Methodist: A Bible, with limp cover; a copy of the Discipline of the church; the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*; the *Nashville Christian Advocate*; the *Missionary Voice*, and the *Memorial Messenger*.

How many members of Memorial Church are you acquainted with? They are all your brothers and sisters, and you are supposed to know them and to care for them. You will be well repaid for any effort made to know them better. Go to see them and share their joys and sorrows. They are very much like yourself, and there are many good ones among them.

A man brought his family to Durham a few months ago and placed their names on our church roll. He had to leave two weeks since because he could not find work in the city. Would it not be a Christian deed on the part of the members to help such a man as that to find a position? Others near you may stand in just such need.

It was a great inspiration to hear the singing on the two nights of the Sunday School Conference. Members of the several Methodist Sunday Schools gathered in the gallery at Memorial and joined in the music with the church choir. This ought to be just the beginning of a continued movement to get the singing forces of our churches together. A happy people express their feelings and thoughts in song.

Mothers, be sure to speak to Mrs. J. K. Mason, and arrange to have your child to join one of the Bright Jewel Bands. These little folks are beautiful in their devotion to the work. It would be a lesson to the older people for them to see the order and reverence with which these Bright Jewels carry on their affairs.

RECEIVED AND REMOVED

This is the month's record of new members with their street addresses:

Mrs. J. L. Vaughan, 222 Morris Street; Miss Blanche Smith and Miss Jimmie Smith, 714 Vickers Avenue; Miss Catharine Crayton and Miss Elizabeth Newton, at Woman's Building on the College Park; Robert Bradshaw, Trinity College; Miss Margaret McLean, at District Parsonage on Watts Street.

Children baptized: Lillian Burton Allen and Margaret Virginia Tucker.

Those removed by letter: Mrs. Carolina Wortham, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, J. H. Loy, Mrs. J. H. Loy, Ruth Loy. By death: A. A. Andrews, J. E. Stagg.

A. A. Andrews died on Thursday morning, September sixteenth. He reached the ripe age of seventy-eight years, but worked in his place almost daily until the last, and was not greatly hindered by failing bodily powers. He lived to see his great grandchildren play around his feet. He was a modest, unassuming man, making many friends, and withal a consistent, Christian gentleman. One generation passeth and another cometh.

James Edward Stagg slipped away from us on the morning of September the tenth, being fifty-five years of age. In four ways especially he impressed the city and state where he lived. He was diligent in business. He had been for a long time connected with large interests which he managed with wisdom. He was a prosperous man who wished others to prosper with him. He did much in developing the natural resources of North Carolina.

He manifested a fine charity towards the needy. The poor of the city are feeling keenly their loss of this friend. They prayed for his recovery and mourned much when he had gone. They talked in hushed voices of how he gave them bread and wood and clothes and paid the rent for them. They wondered if any man so kind would arise to take his place.

His home life was singularly beautiful. He was the soul of kindness and consideration in the family circle. He provided well for the household, and was a genial companion for wife and children.

He was characterized by loyalty to his church. As a trustee he was watchful of its interests; a large contributor to its necessities. He gave in unexpected ways to enlarge and enrich the congregation. The chimes and organ will sound out in his memory for many years. The public did not know how largely and liberally he gave of his means. The brethren of the church will miss him.

Since the last issue of this magazine several homes of Memorial Church have suffered in losing loved ones who held their membership elsewhere. Mrs. B. R. Tingen, on Jones Street, lost her husband the latter part of August. The mother of Mr. Gilmore Ward Bryant passed away near the close of the same month, and was carried to her northern home for burial. The wife of Mr. Robert H. Hinton, of Lamond Avenue, left us early in September. Mr. D. W. Newsom was unexpectedly called to Littleton to bury his mother in the second week of September. These all died in the faith, and those who are left behind take courage and go on.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

A Children's Prayer by Charles Wesley

Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb, in thy gracious hands I am,
Make me, Saviour, what thou art; live thyself within my heart.

Lamb of God, I look to thee, Thou shalt my example be;
Thou didst live to God alone, Thou didst never seek thine own.

I shall then show forth thy praise, serve thee all my happy
days;

Then the world shall always see Christ, the holy Child, in me.

A Dialogue

Stranger—"To what church do you belong, my child?"

Child—"To Memorial Church."

S.—"Where is it located?"

C.—"On the corner of Chapel Hill and Duke."

S.—"Do you attend church and Sunday School every Sunday?"

C.—"Every one that I can."

S.—"Are there other good churches in Durham?"

C.—"Yes, many of them."

S.—"Which is the best for you?"

C.—"Memorial, because it is mine."

S.—"Where does the sun rise every morning?"

C.—"To the east of Memorial Church."

S.—"Where does it set in the evening?"

C.—"To the west of Memorial Church."

S.—"But why do you answer in this way?"

C.—"Because the church is the center of my life."

S.—"Who is your pastor?"

C.—"Mr. North. We call him Brother North."

S.—"Will you always be true to your church and pastor?"

C.—"Yes, I will pray for them, and be loyal and faithful and true."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at seven thirty.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer Meetings Wednesday evenings at seven-thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

Young People's Mission Society on Sunday the third, and Sunday the seventeenth at three o'clock.

Business meeting of Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon the fourth at four o'clock. Literary meeting Monday afternoon the eleventh at four.

Bright Jewels on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-fourth, at three.

Prayer service at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's on Seeman Street, Tuesday afternoon, the fifth, at four o'clock, led by Rev. Costen J. Harrell.

Prayer Services by Epworth League: First Sunday afternoon at 3, at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second Sunday at 3, at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey Street; third Sunday at 3, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch Avenue, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad Street; fourth Sunday at 3, at Mr. Woody's on Seminary Street, and at Old Ladies' Home.

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Monthly Letter From the Pastor to His People

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

It would be hard to find more orderly congregations than those which gather in Memorial Church. I need scarcely speak any thing concerning quietude or good behaviour. It is very rare indeed that a thoughtless person ever disturbs the sanctity of the place or the time. Still it might be well for us all to talk together for a short while concerning the building where we meet and the worship that is held there.

Now the Church House is not to be worshipped itself, but it should be held as a sacred thing since it has been solemnly dedicated for the sole purpose of the worship and service of God. So we should care for the building in order that its beauty may not be marred. It should not be treated as any other house, not even as our homes. I recall seeing two prominent men come in to look over a great church on a week day, and they kept their hats on while they walked through it. It gave me the impression that they were lacking in the fine feelings that should have characterized their actions. There are so many places that one can put his hat and coat besides placing them on the Altar Rail. And surely, surely, no one ought ever to sit down on the Altar Rail; and certainly he ought never to step over it although he should have to walk a hundred yards to get around it. This applies to the ministers and to the people; to Sundays and week days the same, whether service is being held or not. Would it not be well to get entirely away from the buildings and the grounds before you begin to smoke? Can you think of several good reasons for this?

If you should come to the church while the minister is

reading from the Scriptures please do not ask the usher to give you a seat until the chapter is finished. Will it not be better for any one of us to stand at the door than for five hundred to be disturbed by our coming in? I am sure that you will agree with me in this; then we will not forget it. The service begins at the sounding of the first note of the organ, so let us all be deeply reverent both in attitude and spirit clear on through the benediction. Should not every Christian kneel in prayer on entering the pew or when the minister bows for his secret devotion upon entering the church? Will you not begin on the next Lord's Day to do this very thing?

Let it always be borne in mind that our singing is not for entertainment, but we are worshippers in song. Then should not the choir pray as earnestly for the songs as the minister for his sermon? Let the whole congregation rise in one body to sing or to read just when the choir rises. By watching them the rest of us will know just when to come to our feet. All of these things will bring us to worship in harmony and oneness of spirit.

I wish very much that our people might kneel in prayer as they used to do. Some churches have the form of standing to pray, then they should all stand. The form for Methodists is to kneel, and this is possibly the most becoming attitude we can take before God. If this is our way, let us all kneel, and let the congregation kneel with faces toward the pulpit.

Again all the people should take part in the ritual when any of it is used. The Psalm to be read on Sunday morning will be found in the back of the Hymnal. In like manner the service for Communion is placed there. All worshippers should find the place, or have it memorized, and join with the minister in the General Confession. Also when members are being baptized or received into the church there are responses that should be made by the people after the minister has read the paragraphs of the service. The observance of such things will cause us to be attentive, intelligent, spiritual worshippers.

Above all else we must hold in mind that God is a Spirit,

and that they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth. Jesus said that the Father seeks such to worship Him. How beautiful then will be the service of the House of God, how holy the place, how gracious the time, and our worship will be as pleasing incense offered to the Lord. I shall ask you to think very earnestly on these things, and to read this letter to the children and explain to them the parts they do not understand.

Wishing you an enduring fellowship with Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, I am, with all sincerity,

Your friend and pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

Mission Fields

Possibly some young women in Memorial congregation are interested in preparing themselves for Christian work of some kind in their own church or elsewhere. May be one of them would like to be a Deaconess, or Settlement Worker or Home Missionary, and she does not know just how to go about getting ready for work of this sort. Our young women in the South are trained at Scarritt Bible Training School in Kansas City, Missouri. Miss M. L. Gibson is principal of this school, and a letter addressed to her there will bring all needed information. A thorough course of study is given at Scarritt and it will be worth the consideration of any of our young women.

The annual Week of Prayer for the Woman's Mission Society will fall between the first and second Sundays of November, beginning on next Monday afternoon, the eighth, at three o'clock, at Memorial Church. The following will be the program for the week, the meetings being held each afternoon.

Monday: Prayer and business meeting, led by Mrs. Lida Angier.

Tuesday: Discussion of work in section of Branson Church, led by Rev. J. L. Cuninggim.

Wednesday: Work of Young People's Mission Society, by Miss Lucile Aiken.

Thursday: Exercises by the Bright Jewels under direction of Mrs. J. K. Mason.

Friday: Prayer Service conducted by Mrs. A. M. Gates.

Saturday: Prayer Service led by Miss Lilly Jones.

Sunday Morning at eleven o'clock: Sermon before the Society.

The ladies are asked to deny themselves something and bring their offerings to the services each afternoon. The members of the congregation are requested to bring an offering with them to the Sunday morning service. These collections will go to the Mission Schools on the Pacific coast, and for the Lambuth Memorial Bible Training School in Kobe, Japan.

It should be an inspiration to our women to know that in hundreds of places at these same hours thousands of missionary workers are praying for the extension of the kingdom, and are bringing their gifts for this great cause. All the women of the community are invited to attend these services, and it is earnestly hoped that very many will take the opportunity of going. Those who do not belong to it would do well to go and find out just what the Mission Society stands for and to see the immense work it is doing both in the home land and in the foreign fields.

A gentleman in Virginia recently sent five hundred dollars to China to buy two gospel tents for use in evangelistic services.

The churches in China are too few and too small to accommodate all the worshippers. The attendance is greater there than ever before.

Send a card to 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., asking them to mail you a copy of The Annual Report of The Board of Missions. It is a most interesting book, and will come to you free if the edition is not exhausted.

A layman in South Carolina is giving \$1200 a year for the support of a missionary and his wife in Brazil. He writes after this manner, "My prayer is that God will enable me to continue their support, and soon provide for another. If I were able I would gladly furnish money for all the missionaries."

The Sunday Schools of the church will make a special study of China next year. A suggestion is made by the Board that one quarter during the year be devoted to this. Wherever this is done suitable literature can be had from the publishing house containing subjects and information. How would it do for several classes at least to try this in our school?

Many specials are being taken in the foreign fields. This means that some individual or class or school or church will have a definite work assigned to them in one of the mission fields for their support. For instance a circuit in China or in Japan can be supported for \$400. One in Korea for \$200. Native teachers, helpers, scholarships, hospital wards and other things of this sort may be had at a lower price, from \$25 to \$100. This puts a special in the reach of an adult class, or a school or an individual man or woman. How many among us can save up enough to take stock in the work over there?

Here is a list of some of the best missionary books to be had. They are worth fifty cents apiece in cloth binding, thirty-five in paper, with eight cents for postage additional. "The Price of Africa," a study of Japan called "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," "Daybreak in the Dark Continent," "The Uplift of China," "South America," "Korea in Transition," "The Decisive Hour in Christian Missions," "Mexico To-day." Any of these books can be bought directly from the publishing house at 900 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Va., or they may be ordered through the pastor or Mr. F. H. Green at the book store. How many of them have you read?

Rev. L. D. Patterson writes as follows from China :

"In the part of China where I live foot binding is no longer practical. Its abolition stands as a magnificent monument to the work of our early missionaries. But to see grown women hobbling helplessly on poor, painful stubs of feet is a common and pitiful sight. One must stand on a crowded Chinese street and watch the older generation of bound-footed women in awful contrast with the free, happy, bounding natural footed girls of the present day in order to realize what missions have already meant to China. I think the veritablest "tight-wad" that ever kicked on giving to missions would loosen up if he could only see one of these miserable old women and one of there joyous, springing girls together, and remind himself that this girl and all this generation of girls and all the unborn generations of girls have and will have natural feet because the Gospel of Jesus Christ came to China."

The Sunday School

Do the parents of the congregation appreciate what the Sunday School is doing for their children? Why should the officers and teachers of the School feel a deeper interest in your child than you do? Has this question ever occurred to your mind? It is certainly an unselfish service they are rendering your family. They are getting no pay for it, yet with the greatest pains they are trying to lead your children to a knowledge of the truth. Many of these teachers have no children of their own, yet after working hard all the week they go to the church on Sunday and give their best efforts to this task, and frequently with but little thanks. May be they have to beg you to allow the children to come. Now, is that not a fine situation, people having to beg to get to show some one a kindness. Now your presence at the School each Sunday would show your appreciation of the work being done, and it would be an evidence to the child that you care.

Scores of people say that they were once in full touch with this work, where they used to live, or when they were young

and living in this town. Now they rarely come. Have they lost interest? Are they living as strict lives as before they came, or are other things taking the place of this duty? "I got out of the habit of going, and it is hard to start again," is the way they put it. But a new start can be made again even as it was made at first. "I work all the week, and am up late Saturday night, and am too tired and sleepy to attend." This is the most popular excuse by which people have been deceiving themselves all along. But the folks who attend the School work as hard as those who do not come. They do not belong to the leisure class. They are all the better for coming too, and it would be hard to induce them to stay away for it is so enjoyable to come. Will you not admit that there has been a little let-down in your zeal and faith in recent times? Are you as loyal to the church and the Christ as you were back yonder?

The grown people need the benefits of the School as well as the children. They would get much here that would help them live better; the study of the Bible; the fellowship with those who gather here; sacred songs; the inspiration of the young lives, all of these things would put a new meaning and emphasis upon life. This should be the common meeting ground for the entire community. Everybody should have at least one good idea that he might bring to promote the work. While in the church services the main object is to receive, in the Sunday School there is an opportunity to give as well as to receive. It is not enough to be a well-wisher; your presence and effort are needed. Will you not be there at nine-thirty next Sunday?

Rally Day

It was a glorious thing to see on the third Sunday of October the Rally Day forces of the Sunday School in parade; it was better still to have a part in the exercises. At the close of the recitation period the entire school lined up on the lawn and marched in triple formation into the church and filed down every aisle to the places assigned the various classes. Not only

the regular attendants but the little folks were there and also representatives of the Home Department. Nearly seven hundred people gathered in the great building, and yet there was room and the gallery besides. The pastor preached especially to the older people who do not attend, trying to show them their privilege and duty. Extracts from his sermon appear in this issue. Were you there that day?

Place this magazine where it can be found easily, and read over the announcements on the last page at least once every week. This will keep you informed and in touch with the work at all points of the line. All of the services of the church are for the public and no one need wait for a special invitation.

Our Church

Received and Removed and Married

The following have transferred their membership to other churches: A. A. McDonald, Mrs. Julia C. McCain, Mrs. Angier Meador, Roderick A. Stamey, R. H. Baxter, Mrs. R. H. Baxter, Miss Florence Baxter.

These have been received by letter: Miss Mary Lyon, 2nd St., Beverly C. Snow, Chapel Hill St., Mrs. H. W. Keuffner, 216 Morris St., C. C. Alexander, Robert M. Price, A. R. Reep, Herman Hoffman, and L. C. Larkin, at Trinity College.

These were married since our last number. Miss Madge Shields and Mr. H. A. Tolson; Miss Travis Tuck and Mr Chas. A. Jordan; Miss Hettie Coghill and Mr. Arthur Rippey.

Sacred Concert

As this article goes to press the choir of Memorial Church is preparing to hold the second of the Sacred Concerts in the church auditorium. It will be on Friday night, November 5th. The first one, in October, was of a very high order, and was deeply appreciated by those who heard it. The one for this week will doubtless be even better as a longer time has been given to its preparation. Some of the very best singers of the city are helping on these occasions. The object of having these concerts is to give the people of the congregation an opportunity to hear the best of music, and to worship together in song for an hour. From time to time during the winter season there will be other occasions of this sort. Hundreds of people should come on these nights to hear this music. If you are reading this on Friday be sure to come to-night.

The first Sunday of each month should be the greatest of all seasons for us. On that day the Holy Communion is taken, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Turn just now, if you will, to the fourteenth chapter of Saint Mark and read the account there of the Last Supper. Then find First Corinthians, eleventh chapter, and beginning with verse twenty read to the close of the division. This should cause us to search our hearts and repent of every sin and bring us with humble, grateful spirits to bow at the altar next Sunday to partake of the emblems of His broken body and blood which was shed forth. The entire membership is asked to pray earnestly for that hour. They are further requested to memorize the words of hymn 238 in the Hymnal, and to make it their Watch Word for the day. The table will be spread at the morning hour and also at night.

Occasionally the minister has to introduce himself to his people when he visits them at home; to those who have had every opportunity to attend church where they would see and hear him. This is rather embarrassing to him and should be very much so to them. It is an indication that they have not been to church enough to recognize him, and this is all the more deplorable inasmuch as nearly one year of his pastorate has gone. Indifferent professors of religion they are, and death will find them living as they are living now. If Jesus should come and call for them, as He will some day, they would have to confess that they had been to many shows and to a circus or two, to the fair, and may be to the carnival since they were at church. There will be for all these a fearful reckoning some day when the Master returns to find what His servants have been doing in His absence.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the auditorium of the church at seven-thirty Thursday night, November 25th. The Wednesday night prayer meeting will be combined with this meeting on Thursday. All the people of the city are invited to worship with us at that time. The offering that night will go to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh.

Financial Plan for Next Year

The stewards at a recent meeting decided to get the money matters of the church on a better basis for next year. They realize very keenly that the burden has not been equalized upon the membership, and that the funds come in with too much irregularity during the different seasons of the year, and further that there is too much uncertainty and strain about it all.

So a committee is going over the entire roll very carefully to see that no one is omitted and to make out new lists for the stewards and to correct any errors in the matter of assessments. A box containing fifty-two single envelopes will be given to the individual members so that they can contribute weekly, and the stewards will have personal oversight of those names and assessments on their lists. The addresses of members who are outside the city are being secured so that they may be given to one or two stewards in order that they may contribute to the home church.

The motto for the coming year is, "Some contribution from every member of Memorial Church." The children as well as the older people will receive their envelopes and be urged to give. In this way we will train up a generation of liberal young folks. It is our purpose not to slight one single member. For every member, it makes no difference how rich or how poor he may be, has upon him the obligation to give. If he can not give much, then he is not expected to give much. But everybody can give at least a little. Scores of our members are suffering now in their spiritual life because they have failed to give to the Lord's cause. That is why some of them have quit coming to church, because they have stopped giving, or they never began it. They sin in this just as they do in any thing else, and it is the preacher's duty to tell them of this sin.

It is very important also that the gifts should come in each week. It is not right; it is not good religion to wait until the last of the year and then strain every muscle in trying to get up a large amount of money which is behind. A few have to double up and pay more than their share when this is the

case. Saint Paul said for us to lay aside for the first day of the week as God had prospered us in order that we may have some thing to give. If all the people would bring the envelopes on Sunday and put in their contributions weekly all of the expenses of the church would be met when they are due. Let us make a hearty effort to pay all bills of the church by the end of each month. Occasionally some one will say, "I would rather pay all of my assessment in one lump." All right, but let him do this if possible at the first of the year, or the first of the quarter, or the first of the month. This is to avoid the hard pull at the close.

So much of the success of this plan will depend upon the stewards. If they go into it in a half-hearted way; a part of them for it, and the others indifferent to it, letting some other interest keep them from this most important thing, the plan must inevitably be poorly worked. On the other hand if they put the enthusiasm of their souls into it, and are willing to make many sacrifices to see it succeed, then it will work admirably. No plan will work itself. It will call for spiritual force and consecrated common sense. We are fortunate in having many officers of this type in the church, and they can make this plan a success if they will; and they will. Let the church put full confidence in them and expect just this of them.

Once more; the rank and file of the members must work together to bring about these good results. If they grumble, and say that they can not give, and that they will have no part in such plans, what will keep it then from failure? But if they will yield their earnest support, and each one will say, "I will do what I can," then God will bless both them and the church and they will prosper as never before. What a great body of people we have; what an unconquerable force they would be if every complaint could be laid aside for at least one year and all of the members would rally around their church and pray for it and work for it and give to it. We have the opportunity of making next year the greatest that has ever dawned upon Memorial Church, and by the help of the Lord we will do it, will we not?

Paragraphs on Many Things

Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor at Hillsboro, issues a little magazine for his people called *The Circuit Rider*. He has this on the first page of the October number :

“When a member of the church neglects his obligations to attend church service, it is an ear-mark of a declining spiritual life. ‘Up late Saturday night,’ is not the reason. ‘Worked hard all day Saturday,’ is not it, either. ‘Too hot,’ does not reveal the cause. ‘It looked so much like rain,’ is rather light. ‘I had to prepare dinner,’ cannot be it. None of these excuses keep weddings postponed nor store doors closed ; industry goes on ; education is sought over any of these conditions ; picnics, amusements and worldly practices never know the difference when conditions like these prevail.”

Just one month until Conference. The session will open on the first day of December at Wilmington, and our church year will be at a close.

Every member of the family should read the MESSENGER ; even the baby ought to see the picture of the church on the cover and be told that the church belongs to him.

What do you think of little boys selling papers along the streets on Sunday morning ? Is this good training for them, or could they find better at the church ? What do you think of the Sunday papers any way ? Is the red supplement as good literature as you can place in the hands of the children ?

Through the kindness of Mr. B. N. Duke the parsonage is to receive a new coat of paint. This is a good piece of property and should have the best of care taken of it. Mr. Duke is ever watchful of the highest interest of the church.

Rev. J. A. Dailey recently closed a revival at West Durham Church in which he received twenty-one on profession and fifteen by letter. At the present writing Rev. C. J. Harrell is in the midst of a meeting at Mangum Street Church.

As the year draws to a close the Methodists who hold their membership elsewhere ought to bring their letters and put them in at Memorial. Durham is to be their home, and they have already felt that this is a good place for them to worship, and it will be still better for them if they cast in their lot fully with us. Let those who read this speak to any such people whom they may know and urge them to have the pastor secure their letters.

Let the mothers and fathers read this carefully. Two opportunities will be given on next Sunday, November 7th, for the baptism of children. The first will be in the Sunday School room just as the School closes at ten thirty. All the Primary Department will be invited to come up and stand in the room while this rite is observed. Again at three o'clock in the afternoon in the auditorium of the church the pastor will be glad to baptise any of the little folks who shall be presented. Choose the hour that will be most convenient for both mother and child. There must be more than a score of children who should be brought on next Sunday.

On November 21st at both morning and evening services the doors of the church will be opened to receive by baptism or by vows any who wish to join. The pastor would like to have a conversation with those who are considering taking this step, and he will hold it as a privilege to grant your request for such an interview. He will be glad to talk with you regarding your personal religious experience, and also explain to you the doctrines and government of the Methodist Church. Kindly inform him if he can serve you.

Announcements

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday Morning, and evening.

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at seven thirty.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer Meetings on Wednesday evenings at seven thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

The Young People's Mission Society for November will meet at three o'clock on the seventh and the twenty-first.

Business meeting of the Woman's Mission Society on Monday afternoon, the first of the month at three-thirty. Literary meeting at the same hour on Monday the eighth.

Bright Jewels on Sunday afternoon, the 28th, at three.

Prayer service at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's on Seeman Street, Tuesday afternoon, the 9th, at four.

Prayer services held by Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; Second Sunday at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; Third Sunday at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; Fourth Sunday at Mr. Woody's on Seminary, and at Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all of these is 3 o'clock.

Sacred Concert in the auditorium of the church, Friday night, November 5th, at 8 o'clock.

Last Quarterly Conference, Thursday night, the 4th, at 7:30.

Thanksgiving service Thursday night, November 25th, at 7:30 in the auditorium of the church.

Baptism of infants and children in the Sunday School room next Sunday morning, November the 7th, at close of Sunday School session.

Baptism of infants and children next Sunday afternoon at 3 in the Church auditorium.

Doors opened for baptism and reception of members at both morning and evening services on Sunday, November 21st.

November 28th, last Sunday of Conference Year. Reports of the year's work will be made.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

As we are facing that season in which the birth of our Lord is celebrated I wish to write you in the sentiment of the words of the Angel to the Shepherds when he said, "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

Hear this Christmas message once more :

"Good Tidings, Great Joy, All People." What fine lines these would make for some great daily newspaper, appearing for the first time to the eyes of men. Would not every one bend eagerly to read the whole column beneath? Would he not bear the news to his neighbor, and would not the whole country rejoice together? Good tidings, great joy, all people. This is God's message in the morning paper of a new age, brought out fresh from the presses of eternity. At the close of a certain day, like ten thousand other days that had dawned and closed, the earth passed again into the night. Across the brook the City of God lay asleep. Humanity wearied with its ordinary toil had gone to its accustomed rest. Who could have said that the next morning would bring news such as the world had never heard, and such as it should never forget? What did it all mean?

Good Tidings. When the shepherds saw the angels and heard their mighty choir they were afraid, but the angels said "fear not." The world had lived in fear long enough. Under the dread of impending disaster, filled with a haunting sense of guilt and shame, standing before a dark unknown future the world had been from its very beginning filled with fear. But

now the good tidings come telling of sins forgiven, of grief assuaged, of dread banished. Good tidings to man because it gives him peace in the midst of his toil and a hope of an eternity of happiness. Good tidings to woman. She had been degraded in the eyes of the world, and her fair shoulders had been stooping under the weight of toil. Hers had been a well-nigh hopeless lot with no liberty and with no opportunity. But now she is set free. Her body, her mind, her spirit are free. The measureless future is open before her with all its infinite resources of privilege, of happiness and endeavor. Side by side with man, she is working out her destiny. Good tidings for little children. Oh, the untold suffering that the children of the world had had to bear throughout the ages of ignorance and cruelty of men. How dark was it for them, how hard the path their tiny feet had to run through this life. But the good news was that one had come to the earth to be the Champion of the child and to be its Redeemer. So since He came the child is loved and cared for, and rough ways are made smooth for its feet. But you tell me that there are some who still suffer. Sadly true, I confess, yet is it not because men every where have not fully heard and appreciated such tidings? Good tidings to the earth. Nature itself had rested for centuries under a curse, but now the news comes that its redemption is nigh. Deserts are to bloom, and the poisonous swamps are to be drained and the sterile is to become fertile and productive.

Great Joy. Do you not think that men should have great joy at hearing such good news? It seems to me that our whole race should thrill to its very soul at the thought of so mighty a redemption. Bells should ring out, anthems should be lifted to the skies, infant voices should babble forth their unstinted praise. It seems almost too good to be true. What have we done that we should merit such happiness? Who can measure what it means to be saved, and all that this word stands for? Saved in body, mind, spirit, saved now, and all the time and with all the good, saved because Christ came. The wonder

is that any one could remain silent at receiving such tidings of great joy.

All People. Surely this is a great provision and a boundless love since none are left out of His thought. Poor and rich alike, male and female, the white man, the black man and the yellow; the good news comes to all people. No man so great or strong that he should take it upon himself to keep back this news from others; no man so small in his own sight that he should put himself outside the bounds of his love. All men. I seem to hear the sound pass over the hills and beyond the seas, and break upon the utmost bounds of the world. All men from him who by transgression fell in Eden to the youngest child that shall be born on the last day of time. All men, everywhere.

You and I have something to do with this good tidings more than merely receiving it. God is the author of the news, the angels published the matter, and now it is for us to circulate it throughout the world until all men shall know of its power. What have we done to this end? Do you suppose that it was very hard to get any one of the angels to come as a messenger that morning? I fancy that I can see them vying one with another for the privilege of going on this mission of joy. Many centuries have passed since they brought us that message from heaven, and still there are hundreds of millions of people who do not so much as know that the angels sang or that the Christ has come. I wish that you and I might do more to tell the story so new to them and which never grows old to us.

Wishing that the Spirit of this Christ may fill your hearts during all this gracious time that lies before us, I am, with all good wishes, your friend and pastor,

H. M. NORTH.

Some Prophecies of the Old Testament Concerning a Coming Saviour and their Fulfillment

The following are some of the most noted passages of the Old Testament which refer to the coming Saviour. There are a great many others which can not be given here. Under type and figure He is set forth all through the Book. Look them up and read them carefully:

Genesis 3:15, God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." In Galatians 4:4 Paul said, "God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law."

Genesis 49:10, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Up until the coming of Jesus the Jews had some kind of authority in Judea in the matter of kings and governors, but about this time the government passed out of their hands to the Romans as related in Luke 2:1.

Numbers 24:17, Balaam said, "I shall see Him but not now, I shall behold Him, but not now; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall arise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."

In Matthew 2, it is written, "There came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

Psalms 72:10, "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the king of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts."

In Matthew 2:11, "And when the wise men were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had

opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh."

Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." Matthew 1:23, "They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God is with us."

Isaiah 9:6, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government, and peace there shall be no end." Luke 2:10-11, "The angel said to the shepherds, Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Isaiah 53:2, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant and as a root out of dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness, and when we shall see him there is no beauty that we shall desire him." Mark 6:3, the people said, "Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and of Judah and Simon? And are his sisters not here with us? And they were offended at him."

Hosea 11:1, "When Israel was a child then I loved, and called my son out of Egypt." Matthew tells us how Joseph fled with Mary and the young child into Egypt, stayed there until Herod the king was dead. Then Jesus was called out of Egypt in fulfillment of the word spoken by Hosea.

Micah 5:2, "But thou Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Luke 2:47, "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great

with child." And so it was that while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

One must be blind indeed who cannot read in all this revelation the eternal purpose of God to send his Son into the world. How minute are the particulars concerning Him; the name of the tribe from which he should come; what sort of a woman his mother should be; a description of his characteristics and of the qualities He should possess; the place and time of his birth; the political condition which should hold at that time; the name he was to bear and the power he would exercise over men: It is not guess work, it is not coincidence, but rather revelation which God gave unto his prophets of the coming Christ, and they wrote it down with careful hand. This is surely the Christ, the Saviour of the world, and our Saviour and Lord.

A Christmas Hymn, By Phillips Brooks

To be Memorized by all the Children

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering
love.

O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ
enters in.

Points on Churches and Conferences

The Western North Carolina Conference met at Reidsville during the third week of November. It should have been held by Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, but on account of his illness Bishop Walter R. Lambuth took his place. That conference is now twenty-six years old, it having been formed when the North Carolina Conference was divided. The line of division runs north and south between Greensboro and Burlington. The Western Conference is slightly larger both in territory and membership than the North Carolina Conference.

The North Carolina Conference has had a history of seventy-nine years. Its membership, as reported a year ago, was 85,224. There are two hundred and twenty-five ministers on the roll, fifteen of whom are not in the active service. Its annual session will convene at Wilmington on Wednesday, December first, with Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding. It has already met four times in Wilmington, the last date there being 1902, with Bishop Coke Smith in the chair. Rev. J. D. Bundy is the pastor at Grace Church, and will be the host of the conference.

The Durham District covers the territory embraced within five counties: Person, Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham. There are twenty-five pastoral charges in this section, of which fourteen are circuits and eleven stations. There are seventy-two church buildings. Three of the ministers must move on account of the time limit of four years. These are W. F. Galloway, South Alamance; J. M. Ormond, Hillsboro; S. F. Nicks, Milton.

Four preachers of the North Carolina Conference died this year. J. N. Cole, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage; L. P. Howard, Memorial Church; Y. E. Wright, Farmville Circuit; J. M. Ashby, Elm City. Memoirs of these men will be read at a special hour during the conference, and any one present has the privilege of speaking to their memory. President W. P. Few will read a paper on the life and work of Rev. L. P. Howard.

Branson Church has paid off the last of its indebtedness, and is ready to burn the note with suitable ceremonies. We rejoice with them in their freedom from this burden. Lakewood Church has been steadily reducing its debt until it is now down to five hundred dollars. Mangum Street congregation, who are contemplating a building enterprise of fifteen thousand dollars, have in sight nine thousand three hundred dollars for this purpose. The interest of these weaker churches should appeal to all who love our cause in the city.

Christmas Hymn, By Reginald Heber

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Some Items on the Support of the Church

The new envelopes have come and the lists and assessments have been made out for the members for the new church year which begins the first Sunday in December. The stewards are busy placing these boxes, or cartons, of envelopes in the hands of the members so that the contributions may begin at once.

The stewards are not going in their own names to the people and they receive no pay for their work and often but little thanks. It is a service of love which they render the church, and they go in the name of the Master to care for this cause. For these reasons they will surely be received with kindness by the people. They would indeed be thoughtless persons who should greet them in any other than a kind manner.

It is earnestly hoped that no one will refuse to take a box of envelopes. They were bought especially for you, and all of yours have on them the same number which has been purposely assigned to you. By using these envelopes perfect records can be kept of all gifts. Even if you should forget to sign your name it will not matter as the number on the envelope shows from whom it comes.

It is very necessary for the contributions to be made each week. In this way the burden will be equally distributed along through the year, and the expenses of the church will be met when they become due. For most people it is easier to give several smaller amounts than it is to meet one large payment. It is not treating the Lord's work fairly to wait until the close of the year and have to raise one third of the year's money in one twelfth of the time.

Will not every member receive his assessment cheerfully? If you honestly think that the amount suggested is too much for you have a talk with the steward about it and come to a definite understanding. No one is trying to put too heavy a burden upon you. Remember that this giving is for the Lord's work, and he would not like it if you complain about the matter. Let this be one year when all members enter heartily into the

cause and show how much and how willingly they can give. Some times a steward dreads to go to certain people because he is sure he will be met with a complaint. But you will not be one of this class, will you?

Somebody said, "But I did not obligate to give anything." But of course he did, and he has just forgotten about it. When we joined the church we promised very faithfully that we would support the church. We are all under deep obligation to God to give, and we can not throw it off with an excuse. The steward has no right to excuse you; indeed he can not do it. There are wealthy people who are suffering because they are not giving enough, and there are poor who are suffering and will continue to suffer because they are not giving anything.

Let the children be taught to give from the very first. It would be well if they could earn their own money. They always have money for other things. Do not your children spend as much as five or ten cents each week for themselves? They buy ice cream and candy, chewing gum and peanuts, and they go to the picture shows in crowds. Teach them that the church and its claims are more important than any of these other things. Tell them that they ought to spend more for the Lord than they do for their own pleasure. Fathers and mothers, train your children to be more cheerful and liberal givers than you have been. They will gladly respond if you will but show them how to make and save and give.

The pastor would be glad to go with each steward to see the individual members on his list and talk with them about their privilege and duty in the matter, but the time is so short, and the membership so large that he will not be able to see them all. But the stewards will go instead, and the pastor prays you most earnestly to receive them as messengers of the church and agree to co-operate with them in making this coming year the best in all things that has yet come to our church. There are doubtless twenty different opinions held by the people regarding some of these things, and if each one pulls in his direction without consideration of others only evil

can be the result. How would it do as a working policy for the new year to find out upon how many things we can all agree, and let our disagreements alone for one year, and push the agreements for all they are worth? Remember that Jesus prayed that we should be one even as He and the Father are one.

In Memory of Lila Herndon

On Monday evening, November fifteenth, Lila Herndon, left for all time her little home on Burch Avenue. For more than a year she had fought bravely against her sickness, and held up well until the hot days of early summer came upon her, and then she began to fade. There have been but few young women in our midst who had more friends than this young woman. She was almost universally loved by those who knew her. Many scores of people visited the home while she was sick, and hundreds of others saw her reclining in the porch as they passed, and those who saw her were made better by it. Her life was a beautiful example of Christian young womanhood. She was a devoted member of Memorial Church and Sunday School. She was wonderfully patient in her sickness, and endured the weakness and pain without complaint, expressing herself as willing to go whenever the Master should call for her. More than one girl and woman will live a better life because Lila Herndon lived and suffered and died in the faith.

You have doubtless noticed that the Sunday School always has money to meet its expenses and usually some to spare. The reason for this is that nearly everybody gives something, and the gifts are brought each week. The whole church should learn precisely that lesson. If all the people will contribute what they can, even though it be a small amount, the needs of the church will be met without difficulty.

Distribution of Funds Received and Paid Out

By N. J. Boddie, Treasurer

Memorial M. E. Church, South, Durham, N. C.

Year 1914-1915

Pastor's salary (Mr. Howard).....	\$ 365.13
Pastor's salary (Mr. North).....	1,666.66
*Christmas purse (Dr. Parker).....	250.00
*Christmas purse (Mr. Peele).....	50.00
Presiding elder's salary	338.00
Financial secretary's salary (Miss Duke).....	480.00
Music account (this includes salaries of organist, one soloist, chimes ringer, sheet music and repairs to organ).....	676.94
*Choir leader protracted service (Mr. Milam).....	75.00
Sexton's wages	421.00
Missions, domestic and foreign	708.00
Methodist orphanage	200.00
Conference collection, (this includes education, bishops, church extension, conference claimants and ministerial loan fund)	761.00
Telephone and water rent	51.23
Repair account, church and parsonage.....	207.39
Lights, power for organ and fuel.....	520.51
Insurance, church and parsonage	159.50
Stationery, envelopes, etc.	62.35
Incidental expenses	113.50
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Total Expenditures	\$7,106.21

* Most of this money collected by subscription; only a small part paid from assessments.

Report on Membership for Year Closing December 1st

Number of members at beginning of year.....	868
Those received by certificate	76
Those received on profession of faith.....	48
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Total.....	992
Removal by death, certificates and otherwise.....	80
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Leaving net membership for the present912

More than one hundred of these are outside the city.

Paragraphs on Many Things

New members received: Mrs. W. C. Cook, 403 South Street, B. D. Tillett and Thos. A. Swindell, Trinity College.

Marriages in November: Miss Annie McCracken and Mr. George I. Pearce; Miss Floye Andrews and Mr. Bert DeVault.

William Howard and Joseph Edward McAlister, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McAlister, were baptized on November seventh at church.

The second of the sacred concerts was held in the auditorium of the church on the fifth night of November. A very large crowd was in attendance. The music was of a high order, and was both enjoyable and instructive to the hearers. The next occasion of this kind will probably be the latter part of January.

The conference of the Christian Church held its annual session in Durham near the close of November. This meeting was in the old Main Street Church formerly occupied by the Memorial Congregation. The Christian Church is closely akin to the Methodist, it having come out from the Methodist Church ninety years ago. This denomination is very different from the Disciples who are sometimes called Christians.

A Sunday School Association for the Methodist Churches of Durham and vicinity was organized on the seventh of November. It is for the sake of a closer fellowship and a more united work on the part of the Sunday School forces of the city. It is planned to have a meeting of the workers once a quarter to study plans and gain inspiration and enthusiasm for the cause. These are the officers: President, Prof. R. N. Wilson; vice-president, Rev. Costen J. Harrell; secretary,

J. E. Pegram; treasurer, D. B. Cameron. The following will have certain divisions of the work: Holland Holton of the Officers' Department; Rev. W. W. Peele of Teacher Training; A. D. Rogers for Men's Classes; Miss Lilly Duke for Women's Classes; Dr. E. W. Shackelford for Organized Classes; Secondary Work in charge of Mrs. F. L. Hunter; Elementary by Miss Eunice Jones; Home Department by Dr. N. P. Boddie, and the Pastors' Work by Rev. J. C. Dailey.

It is estimated that Durham has increased in population more than five thousand during the last five years; in fact nearly eleven hundred per year. Have the Methodist churches had a growth in membership to correspond with this increase in the city's growth? The facts seem to be against us. Yet many of these are Methodists who have not brought their letters so as to identify themselves with the churches here. Besides this there are hundreds who should be reached by us. Let us take the matter to head and to heart and to hand.

The new church year begins with December. How would it do to make some such resolutions as these? "I will attend services every Sunday that it is possible for me to go. I will carry some contribution each week. I will take an active part in the Sunday School. I will use my influence to get somebody else to come to church. I will live a better life myself, and will try to induce at least one other to give his life to God." May be you read these resolutions too fast; go back and read them slowly, and make them the sentiment of your heart.

One of the best features connected with Memorial Sunday School is a movement begun by the council. Once a month it meets in the basement of the church and has supper and afterwards discusses plans for the work of the school. All officers and teachers of the school together with the pastor and the committee appointed by the stewards are expected to be present. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday night, December seventh. Remember the date.

A book, entitled "Some Principles of Teaching," has just been issued by the Pilgrim Press. The author is Dr. E. W. Knight, of Trinity College. This book will be of special benefit to Sunday School teachers, and it would be well if our teachers could purchase one at either of the book stores in the city. Dr. Knight gave a part of this material to the teachers at Memorial Church in the spring of nineteen fourteen.

The Woman's Mission Society makes the following report of its work for the year ending November 18, 1915: Number of members on the roll, 110; money collected for all purposes, \$1,493.71; amount expended for all purposes, \$1,246.83, leaving a balance on hand of \$246.88. The society observed the week of prayer in November. Its work should commend itself to all the ladies of the church.

Announcement have been made for Dr. W. T. Laprade of Trinity College faculty, to preach in Memorial Church Sunday morning, December fifth, and Rev. W. R. Shelton, pastor of Orange and Carrboro, to preach on that night. This will be Conference Sunday and the pastor expects to be in Wilmington at the time.

Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at seven-thirty.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at seven-thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

Young Peoples' Mission Society for December will meet at three o'clock the fifth and the nineteenth.

Business meeting of the Woman's Mission Society on Monday afternoon the sixth of December at three-thirty. Literary meeting at the same hour on Monday the thirteenth.

Bright Jewels on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-sixth, at three.

Prayer meeting at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's on Seeman Street, Tuesday afternoon, the seventh, at four o'clock.

Prayer services held by Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins on Corporation Street; second Sunday at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third at Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth Sunday at Mr. Woody's on Seminary and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these is three o'clock.

Meeting of Sunday School Council, Tuesday night, December seventh. Supper in basement.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

First of all I am writing to express my deep appreciation of your kindness to me, and for the support you gave the church during the year which has just closed. In the name of my Master I thank very heartily every one who has helped to make the church strong and useful. God will reward you richly for it all. But I hear a few of the members say to me, "Brother North, we did not help much last year; we scarcely prayed at all; our contributions were little or nothing; we rarely attended church. In fact after we had promised to do these things we left them for others to care for." Yes, I know, and am very sorry that it has happened in this way. I am glad however that you feel ashamed of such doing, and that the remembrance of it is grievous unto you. So I am sure that this year will find you heart and hand in God's work.

I wish to confide to you this secret, that I am praying for a perfect church at Memorial. Do not tell the unbelieving world about this, for they will laugh at the idea, but the Christ will not laugh. Yes, I am praying that the minister may be a holy man of God, and that the entire membership may be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that they may be holy and without blemish. It is a church after the New Testament pattern that I want to see here; a people as beautiful in their lives, and as full of harmony as the lovely building in which we worship on the Lord's Day.

Now, I hear you say to me again, "But, preacher, we are not all good." No, but you are going to be good. I shall pray for you, and Christ will forgive and sustain you. You are to

go on towards that perfect life this year, and you will be amazed to see what marvelous growth will take place within you during the next twelve months.

Yet you persist in telling me that you did many things that were wrong last year, and unbecoming in a member of Memorial Church. Yes, I understand, but that was last year; it will not be so this year. We are going to live holy lives this year, you and I, for I have prayed for it and have received the assurance in my soul that it will be so.

Let me ask you most earnestly that you love the sisters and brethren more this year than ever before. Jesus put it after this fashion: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Are we not all members of one household with the same Christ as our Lord? Then we will speak kindly of our own blood kin, and seek to do them all manner of good. We will love the church as Christ loved it and gave himself for it.

My prayer for all of you is that the New Year may bring but little of the evil but as many of the good things as our Heavenly Father can crowd into your lives, and that you may respond to His blessings with the utmost power of the soul.

I am, in all sincerity, your friend and pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

Ministers Appointed to Durham District

The recent Conference did not make many changes among the ministers of the Durham District. Only one new pastor comes to this city, namely, Rev. O. I. Hinson, to the Branson Church, taking the place of Rev. R. E. Atkinson, who goes to the East Burlington Circuit. The appointments for the entire District are as follows:

J. C. WOOTEN, *Presiding Elder*

East Burlington Circuit—R. E. Atkinson.

Burlington—D. H. Tuttle.
Burlington Circuit—W. F. Galloway.
Chapel Hill—Walter Patten.

Durham—

Branson—O. I. Hinson.
Carr Church—G. B. Starling.
Lakewood—D. E. Earnhardt, Sup.
Mangum Street—C. J. Harrell.
Memorial—H. M. North.
Trinity—A. McCullen.
West Durham—J. A. Dailey.
Durham Circuit—W. C. Martin.
Graham—H. E. Myers.
Hillsboro Circuit—T. M. Grant.
Leasburg Circuit—J. A. Martin.
Mebane Circuit—R. G. L. Edwards.
Milton Circuit—J. E. Blalock.
Mt. Tirzah Circuit—J. J. Boone.
Orange and Carrboro—W. R. Shelton, supply.
Pelham Circuit—H. C. Smith.
Pearl Mill Circuit—L. M. Hall, supply.
Person Circuit—C. R. Ross.
Rougemont—B. F. Boone.
Roxboro—O. W. Dowd.
South Alamance—N. B. Strickland.
Yanceyville Circuit—S. F. Nicks.
Professor of Biblical Literature in Trinity College and
Headmaster Trinity Park School—W. W. Peele.
Conference Evangelist—E. C. Glenn.

Duties of Members Towards Stewards

Memorial Church has selected thirty men for the office of steward, one for every thirty members of the church. These men were chosen because of their good report in the congregation and on account of their love for the church. The people will understand then that when a steward comes to them he

is not coming in his own name, but he is a representative of the church, and they will receive him in the name of the Lord Jesus. One should be very careful how he treats these officers of the church, lest in offending one of them he should also offend the Christ who sent him. The members usually receive the pastor with the utmost kindness, and they should receive the stewards with like tokens of love.

The congregation ought to pray for the stewards. These men are set in a position of great responsibility, and they will need the full sympathy of those who stand around them. They will appreciate your prayers far more than your words of criticism. Their usefulness might be hindered or even ruined by thoughtless criticism, while prayers would be the very making of them. If you pray for them you will come to love them, and then you will gladly follow their leadership. Suppose you were an officer of the church, how would you like to be received? Do you then unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Federation Bible Classes

Mr. M. W. Brabham has arranged for a federation of Wesley Bible classes to be formed in Fayetteville January 19-20. He is looking for a large attendance. Rev. H. M. North is president of the Durham District Sunday School Conference, and he received a letter recently from the Field Secretary regarding this important meeting. The letter is given just below for the sake especially of the ministers and officers in this district who receive THE MESSENGER:

*Rev. H. M. North, President,
Durham District S. S. Conf.,
Durham, N. C.*

DEAR BROTHER NORTH:

In planning for the Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Fayetteville, January 19-20, 1916, we are counting on the support of the District Sunday School Conferences through

their organizations to help us make the meeting known. As president of your district organization, you can aid us greatly.

First. By being on hand yourself.

Second. By urging all the officers of the District to be there.

Third. By calling the attention of the pastors in your district to the importance of this gathering and asking them to be there and to get every school in their charges to send at least one representative.

Our program is going to be a strong one, and the subjects for discussion will be such as to stimulate thought, provoke discussion and bring results.

Railroad have granted reduced rates; local committees in Fayetteville have secured low rates at the hotels and boarding houses, and private homes will take lodgers at reasonable rates.

We expect to issue a special edition of the *Raleigh Christian Advocate* in the early part of January. A word of endorsement of this meeting will be appreciated; we will want to use it in the *Advocate* of January 6th.

Three hundred delegates at least are to attend. We are counting on you to be one of these and to bring others of this number.

Thanking you for your co-operation and with best wishes for a good year, I am,

Yours faithfully,

M. W. BRABHAM.

Field Secretary.

Financial Matters

The new plan for the church of weekly payments with individual envelopes has started off well. One hundred and seventy people contributed through this channel during December, and it was not a very favorable month either. The bookkeeper reports that \$65.43 more has already been paid than was paid up to this time a year ago. The people seem to

like the method, and if they will all co-operate heartily with the stewards it will prove almost a perfect system. Let everybody bring or send his envelope each Sunday, and the church will be able to meet its obligations month by month. Our motto this year is, "A contribution from every member." If people can not give much let them give something, and it will be a happier year for them than the last. Was your name among the one hundred and seventy who put in their envelopes in December? Be sure that it comes in next month so that the report may be in the January MESSENGER.

Assessments for Memorial Church, 1916

Pastor	\$2,000
Presiding Elder	348
Foreign Missions	283
Home Missions	425
Conference Claimants	161
Church Extension	214
Education	311
Bishops	60
Expenses General Conference	15

The expression, "Conference Claimants," means the worn-out preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers.

Week of Prayer, January 2-9, 1916

For a long time the Christian world has been observing the first week of the new year as a season of prayer for the church and the world. Among others our own Mission Board is calling upon the churches throughout the South to join in prayer during the week mentioned above. They are asking also that it be a week of self-denial as well as a time of prayer. We are requested to pray especially for the Home Church, that it may be saved from wordliness and be filled with the spirit of the Christ. To pray for the Mission Fields, that they may receive

the Gospel preached unto them, and that many may be raised up to go there to teach them the word of God, and that many givers may be found to sustain the work. To pray for revivals in all our churches during the coming year, that thousands may be gathered into the church and the church itself be quickened in its soul. To pray for leagues and Sunday schools, that they may ever keep before them the main object of their existence, namely to glorify God in bringing to Him the unsaved, and in extending his kingdom everywhere. To pray for the laymen, that they may be spiritually minded, loyal to the church and liberal in their giving. To pray for ourselves, that we may live more Godly lives, and more fully perform our duty as Christian men and women.

The pastor of Memorial Church is asking that the members take some time in private each day during the first week of January to pray for the things named above. On Wednesday night of that week, January 5, there will be the public gathering for prayer in the Sunday School Room, to which all the congregation is invited. Those who will are requested to deny themselves something that week and bring the price of it as an offering Wednesday night. Throughout the church there will be many who will give the wages of one day to this cause. Will not every member of the church be much in prayer during those days?

Resolutions in Memory of Lila Herndon, by Her Sunday School Class

On the evening of November 15 the hearts of the entire membership of the class were saddened by the death of Miss Lila Herndon, at her home on Burch Avenue. She was of a happy disposition, always striving to help others; never shirking any duty devolving upon her in connection with the Sunday School and church. She lived an upright Christian life and died a triumphant death. She made a brave fight during her illness, and never complained at the long sickness she had to suffer. In the loss of this much-beloved and dutiful mem-

ber, the Excelsior Class of Memorial Methodist Sunday School has lost not only a faithful and hard-working member, but a true friend. Therefore be it resolved, first, that we bow in humble submission to the will of God upon earth, though the sickle of time shall cut down our loved ones. Second, that in her death we realize our loss is her eternal gain. Third, that we emulate her in every virtue; that God in his own appointed time will gather us one by one to Himself in heaven where there will be no more separation forever. Fourth, that a copy of the above be spread upon the minutes of our Sunday School class; one sent to her bereaved family, and one to the MEMORIAL MESSENGER for publication.

MRS. H. A. MANGUM,
MRS. T. V. ANDREWS,
MISS HAZEL RODENHEIZER,
MISS DORA A. WHITAKER.

Sacred Concert

The third of the Sacred Concerts is announced for Thursday night, January 27. Those who attended the two given in the fall will not need any urging to come to this one. The entire congregation and city are cordially invited to share with us the pleasure of these choral services. There will be no charge at the door and no collection taken.

Received and Removed

Received into the church by letter: Thomas V. Andrews, Burch Avenue; Mrs. G. A. Johnson, Miss Viola Johnson, 406 Warren Street; Miss Eula Reid, Guess Street; Mrs. F. M. Runnels, Joseph Runnels, 703 Jackson Street. On profession of faith: Edwin B. Long, 420 Wilkerson Avenue.

Removed by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Straughan and Clyde Straughan to Fayetteville.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Rev. J. L. Cuninggim won a warm place in the hearts of the people of this district during the nine months he was here as presiding elder. He came at the beginning of the second quarter and did an excellent year's work. He is a master at organization and very painstaking in working out the details of his plans. The good wishes of both the ministers and laymen go with him to Elizabeth City.

The Durham District welcomes gladly Rev. J. C. Wooten as the new presiding elder. He has already spent a number of years in this city. He attended college at Trinity and later on taught Biblical Literature there. Since then he served pastorates in Wilmington, Elizabeth City and Raleigh. The preachers of the district will give him their hearty co-operation in this new field of work.

Next Sunday will be the first of the New Year. The subject of the morning sermon will be, "Behold I make all things new."—Revelation 21 :5. And the hymns will be Nos. 575 and 571 and 142. The text at night will be, "We spend our years as a tale that is told."—Psalm 90 and verse 9. The hymns for that hour are 577 and 402 and 449. Let each one look them up and read them carefully.

How fitting it is that Sunday should also be our Communion day. We could not start off the year in a better service than that. This will be an excellent occasion for us to repent of our past follies and reconsecrate ourselves afresh to Jesus Christ. Those who have not partaken of this sacrament for a long while are urged to be in their places at the altar next Sunday.

Would it not be a great thing to see every member of the church present on New Year's Sunday? Brother, shake off

your indifference for once, and you, sister, make a special effort to come then. Bring all the children that day, and let them understand that you are going to begin the year with God. You and the whole family need very much just what those hours of worship will give you. You have lost greatly already by staying at home so much.

Miss Lillie Duke has been employed by the church to be keeper of the books and religious visitor for the year. She will not have the responsibility of collector as she formerly had, inasmuch as the stewards are looking after that part of the work. Miss Lillie has already done a very fine service for the church, and will be in a position doubtless to do even more definite Christian work in the future.

Watch night services will be held Friday night, December 31, at Memorial Church. They will begin at 11:00 and continue until 12:00 o'clock. The chimes will be rung in the tower as the new year comes in. The Methodist churches have observed this custom of keeping watch night since the days of Wesley, he himself having recommended it. An invitation is given to the whole city to worship with us at that midnight hour. The church will be closed on Wednesday night, the regular service of that time being merged with the one on Friday night.

The following were elected within the Board of Stewards to be their officers for the coming year: Chairman, Dr. N. P. Boddie; vice-chairman, W. P. Henry; secretary, O. J. White; treasurer, N. J. Boddie.

The committee appointed by the stewards to represent them in caring for the poor and the sick is composed of Prof. F. S. Aldridge, Sam Angier, and Dr. A. Cheatham. These brethren will appreciate having you call their attention to any who are suffering or in need.

That was a very commendable thing done by the Wesley Bible Class at Trinity Church, Durham, recently. They began a movement looking to erect a boys' building at the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. The members of the class made subscriptions to this cause, and they are calling on the ten thousand members of these classes in the North Carolina Conference to aid in this work. There will surely be a hearty answer to this call for such a building as the one proposed is very much needed.

Memorial Church invited the North Carolina Conference to hold its next annual session here, and the invitation was gladly accepted. So we will look forward to having the ministers with us on or about the first of next December. This particular church has never entertained the conference although it has been held three times in Durham. Memorial has possibly better facilities, at least as far as the building is concerned, for handling the crowds than any other church in the conference. The other churches have expressed a willingness to help in entertaining the four hundred or more who will be present. Let us plan from the very beginning to make it an excellent conference from every point of view.

The Woman's Mission Society has elected the following officers for the year. President, Mrs. W. B. Rowland; first vice-president, Miss Lillie Duke; second vice-president, Miss Eva Crews; third vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Peppler; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Jessie Dickson; recording secretary, Mrs. H. N. Snow, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Miss Lelia West; treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Stagg; agent for *Missionary Voice*, Mrs. W. P. Clements.

On the third Sunday of December these were elected to serve as officers of the Epworth League for the ensuing year: President, J. C. Boggs; first vice-president, C. C. Alexander; second, Miss Mildred Stallings; third, Miss Minnie Mae Chris-

tian; fourth, G. W. Harley; secretary, Beverly C. Snow; treasurer, Miss Roberta West; *Era* Agent, Miss Ruth Hern-don.

Parents, did you note what Saint Luke said concerning Jesus when He was eight days old? He said that his father and mother carried Him up to the temple to present Him unto the Lord. Indeed that was not only the custom but the requirement in those days. Have you presented your child unto the Lord yet? Have you brought the children to church for this purpose? It would not be right for the children to grow up and have no one to present them unto God. Will you not look after this important matter regarding the little ones in your home? Turn to Saint Luke, second chapter and twenty-second verse and read just what was said of Jesus.

The Sunday School had its Christmas exercises in the auditorium of the church on the night of December 21. It was well attended by both the little folks and the grown-ups. There were songs by the choir and by the children, and a reading by Prof. J. H. Peele of Guilford College. Afterwards the young people went to the Sunday School room and received gifts from Santa Claus. Money and fruits were brought by those who attended, and these things were sent to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh.

The new officers of the Young People's Mission Society are given herewith: President, Miss Inez Allen; first vice-president, Miss Marjory Rogers; second vice-president, Miss Mellissa Aiken; third vice-president, Beverly Snow; fourth vice-president, Miss Grace Wilder; recording secretary, Miss Mary Martin; corresponding secretary, Miss Estelle Flowers; treasurer, Miss Margaret Martin.

Have you sent anything to Mr. Frank H. Green to help pay the expenses of THE MEMORIAL MESSENGER?

Children's Page

Memorize this New Year's hymn written by Frances Ridley Havergal, number 571 in the Hymnal.

Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year for thee.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of thy face.

Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven another year for thee.

Which two of the books of the New Testament tell about the birth and childhood of the Lord Jesus? Can you find the places where the story is written?

It is said that when Jesus went down to Nazareth He was subject unto His parents. What does it mean to be subject to them? It means to honor them and to obey their teachings. Am I subject unto my parents?

Sometimes you may be called upon to ask the blessing at the table. If you can not think of any thing better to say, how would it do to use one of these three blessings?

Lord, Thou dost give us food for our bodies and souls as well. For each of these blessings we give Thee thanks in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful to Thee, Heavenly Father, for food sufficient for our needs. We ask Thee to bless it to our good, and us to Thy service for Christ's sake.

Father, receive our thanks for these and all Thy mercies through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well?
My mother.

“And can I ever cease to be
Affectionate and kind to thee,
Who was so very kind to me?
My mother.”

Get a pencil and work out this little example for us. When you were six years old and the baby was two, then you were three times as old as the baby; but since you are eight years old, and the baby is four, then you are only twice as old as the baby. Now if the baby keeps on growing so fast, how long will it take him to catch up with you?

Announcements

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Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at seven-thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

Young People's Mission Society for January will meet at three o'clock the second and the sixteenth.

Business Meeting of the Woman's Mission Society on Monday afternoon, the third of January, at three-thirty, and Literary Meeting at the same hour Monday, the tenth.

Meeting Board of Stewards, Tuesday night, January 11.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon, the twenty-third, at three.

Meeting of Sunday School Council, Tuesday night, the fourth. Supper in the basement.

Sacred Concert Thursday night, January 27.

Prayer Meeting at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's Tuesday, the fourth, at four.

Prayer services held by Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second Sunday at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Seminary, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all of these is three o'clock.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I am writing you today of the greatest of all the forces that touch our lives, and this force is the grace of God. Christ said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Let us see how this statement is found to be true in our experience.

His grace is enough for us in personal affliction. Many of you can never be entirely well, but must suffer constantly. How often you have prayed in secret to have this suffering taken away, but it is not to be so. Instead He gives his grace to help you bear it all. His strength is shown through your weakness. Scores of people like Charles Lamb and Milton and Keats have been handicapped by weakness, yet were able by divine grace to conquer the pain of the body. May be you keep your hurt away from the gaze of the world, only a few knowing about it. It is understood between you and your Lord that He is to give you strength to bear up, and on your part you are to carry a cheerful face all the years and to be a comforter to others who are in pain.

His grace will be sufficient in time of temptation. You will be tempted to give up the effort to live right, to lower the high standards of living, to deny the faith, to sell honor and chastity, to touch the forbidden thing. In such periods God is present with his grace to hold you, and as your day so shall your strength be. There is no need for honor to be soiled and your good name cast down. People do not take account of this ever present help, and they fall victims too easily before temptations. How unnecessary it is, for many legions of angels would have hurried to the rescue had they

been called. Satan wanted Simon, but Jesus said that He had prayed for him. Do not let the prayer of Jesus be in vain.

While we bear the daily burdens and cares of life his grace will answer for us there too. Toils, anxieties, responsibilities, poverty, unfriendly forces of the world, disappointments, hopes unfulfilled, these come to every life, and will crush it into the dust unless help is given from above. By looking to the grace of God you will be able to triumph and to stand entire at last. How grieved I am to see some of you burdened under the weight of things. Housekeepers with no joy in their souls, with no broad, sweet outlook on life; business men careworn to distraction. Hear what God has to say. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." Be of good cheer, and cast your care upon Him for He cares for you.

Is this grace sufficient in time of grief? When the home has been robbed of its support and life of its light? The world goes its way and soon forgets your sorrow, but you cannot forget. The days are long and you seem to age in a few months. It is hard to begin over again adjusting yourself to the new conditions. How gentle and healing, how strong is the grace of God in such a trial for the bruised soul. He is the Healer of the broken-hearted. The Christ who said to Martha, "Thy brother shall arise again," will be near in the silence of your sorrow to strengthen the heart with just such a hope.

Once again, let me ask if his grace will sustain in the last hour? Human strength wasted, earthly help at its limit, and we wait for the end. Affairs of time and space recede from the view and grow small; eternity rises, a vast and undiscovered region. Just before our feet runs the river of which we have heard so much, and of which thousands have lived in dread. I am sure that his grace will be our stay in that day also. Though you pass through the waters they shall not overflow your soul, for He will be there to bear you up.

I pray in all sincerity that the "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ may be with you" during this month and all the other months that lie beyond.

Very truly your pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

On Membership

Those removed by letter: Mrs. R. H. Hooker, A. C. Twiford, Miss Margaret McLean, Mrs. J. L. Cuninggim, Mrs. J. C. Kilgo, Miss Fannie Kilgo and John Kilgo.

Received by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Partin, 419 Spring St., Mrs. J. C. Wooten, Milton Barrett, and Misses Clara and Dixie Barrett, all of 114 Watts St.; Calvin Victor O'Briant, corner Irving and Guess; Mrs. H. D. Sugg, 424 Warren; Mrs. J. W. Hamlin, Trinity Avenue; W. T. Britt, 1210 Roxboro; Miss Virginia Clark, 716 Burch; Forrest and James Runnels, 703 Jackson. (Their mother and brother were enrolled last month.)

The Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference had a very prosperous year during 1915. In the Durham District 669 were received on profession of faith. In the entire conference 5,975 came in on profession. The total gain in the membership for the whole conference was 4,144 members. The present total membership of the conference is 89,704. In the Western Conference it is 106,303 for the total membership. Adding together the two we find that there are 196,007 Methodist members in the State among the white population. This does not include however the Northern Methodists and the Protestant Methodists, but simply those of the Southern Church.

The Sunday schools of the Durham District showed an increase of 1,340 in their membership during the year, bringing it up to a total of 9,813. The membership of the church in this same territory is 10,755, being 942 greater than that of the Sunday school. The entire enrollment for the Sunday school in the conference is 73,526. In the eight churches of Durham the membership is something more than thirty-five hundred. Memorial reported last year as enrolled in all departments during the year 1,468. This of course includes the Home De-

partment and the Cradle Roll. The attendance at Memorial on the fourth Sunday of January was 529.

Members of the church frequently move their residence. Sometimes it is from one street to another in the city. The pastor will appreciate very much having you notify him of such changes. It will enable him to keep up with the people, and will also insure their getting the MESSENGER at the correct address. Again, there are some who move from the community, and may be from the state. They should by all means tell the pastor where they are going so that he can keep in touch with them and send their letters when they have become settled in the new home. Remember then that as soon as you change the address of your mail the next duty is to let the church know about it.

Since the last issue of the MESSENGER no members of Memorial have died. Yet several homes of the congregation have suffered the loss of loved ones. George Lyon, Robert Davis, Young Warren, and John Nowell have been mourned for during the last few weeks. None of these were old men, and those who knew them had hardly expected them to leave so soon. The Christ who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows is waiting in each case to minister to the hearts which are in distress.

Letter From Nashville

The following from E. H. Rawlings, Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, is worthy of your careful reading:

THE CHINA SPECIAL

"The one special, the one big missionary object, advised for the Sunday schools by the Board of Missions and the Sunday School Board for the year 1915-1916, is our China Mission. The reason is not far to seek and lies primarily in the crisis that has come in China's history, presenting such an

opportunity for effective missionary service as probably no mission field of the world ever offered before. The Northern Methodist Mission will double its membership this quadrennium, unless all signs fail. In one evangelistic campaign in 1914, led by Sherwood Eddy, eighteen thousand people, almost entirely of the student and official classes, were graciously moved to seek Christ. Our own missionaries write us about doors everywhere opening and enlarging. In one tent meeting in twelve days thirty thousand people were reached and many probationers enrolled. Our churches are crowded with people eager to hear. In more than one instance towns have strangely awakened, and their leaders have written to the missionaries signifying the willingness of great masses of people to accept Christ and receive baptism. Over against an opportunity like that it is painful in the extreme to remember that, under reduced income in these war times, the General Board of Missions is able to send out to China this year only one missionary. Surely the time has come for us as a Church to do our dead level best for China. This plan is not intended to divert schools from other fields. Schools are allowed still to make their choice of all our seven fields; and if a school is already working for another field, it is preferred that these relations should not be disturbed. There are seventeen thousand schools in the Church, and only a few hundred of these carry specials. If we could get fifteen thousand schools definitely to work for China this year, we should be doing no injustice to other fields. On the contrary, by concentration upon China, the plan in the Sunday school releases the Church's energy for other fields and, further, begins an intensive study in the Sunday school that proposes to cover all seven of our fields, one after another."

Woman's Mission Society Meeting

The Woman's Mission Conference for the North Carolina Conference held its annual session at Kinston during the third week of January. It will go to Grace Church, Wilmington, a

Matters Financial

At the last of December it was reported that 170 members had contributed to the support of the church since Conference. But in January this number increased to 312, being a gain of 142 for the month. This is a fine showing and the people generally will be delighted to see the statement. There are many others yet who have not given any thing this year. Of course they intend to do this, but they are urged to begin giving at once, so that the obligations of the church can be met when they are due.

Business firms some times hesitate to trust churches for work done because they are frequently not paid, but slow pay. Memorial ought to show the world that it asks no quarter in matters of this sort, but is self-respecting and entirely reliable both as to the fact of its payments and the time as well.

No "Unwilling Dollar" should be put into the Lord's treasury. God does not want us to grumble as we give. He loves a cheerful giver. Our love for his cause should be so great that we would gladly sacrifice to be able to show our appreciation of all He has done for us.

The stewards are asked to do all possible to bring in the best report yet when they meet on the fifteenth of the month. Let us see if the number of contributors cannot be increased from 312 to 500 in February. You who read these lines, have you carried in your envelopes yet? You will see that this is done by next Sunday, will you not?

The third of the Sacred Concerts was given by the choir of Memorial, assisted by a few from other churches, on the evening of January twenty-seventh. These meetings have won a worthy place in the life of the church, and are thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. The numbers rendered in the last concert are given below:

PROGRAM

ORGAN PRELUDE IN E FLAT

CHORUS—Jubilate in E Flat.....*Bassford*

HYMN NUMBER 78

INVOCATION BY THE PASTOR

ORGAN—Overture to "William Tell" *Arranged by D. Buck*

Miss Alice C. Hundley

SOLO—"The Perfect Song" *J. C. Breil*

Miss Henry (Miss Julia Henry, Accompanist)

CHORUS—"Hark, Hark, My Soul" *H. R. Shelley*

Miss Daisy Herndon, Soloist

DUETT—"O Divine Redeemer" *Gounod*

Miss Minor, Mr. Epps

SOLO—"The Lord is My Light" *Allitsen*

Mrs. G. L. Nunn

CHORUS—"Now the Day is Over" *L. G. Kratz*

Obligato by Mrs. Hamlin and Mr. Dixon

BENEDICTION

Wesley Bible Class Federation

Representatives of the Wesley Bible Classes of the Sunday Schools of this Conference met in Fayetteville on the nineteenth and twentieth of January and organized the four hundred Wesley Classes into a federation. The meeting was full of enthusiasm and gave promise of many good things in the future in the work of the organized classes of our church. Memorial was represented there by the following: Mrs. N. Underwood, Miss Ida Thompson, Miss Sallie Ferrall, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brabham, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Peele, Mr. Hugh Scarlett, President W. P. Few and Rev. H. M. North.

It was thought good by the federation to set for the classes some worthy goals for the year, hence the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

To stress the importance of the preaching service; aiding the pastor in his revival meeting and in all things which he sets before them; striving for at least two hundred new Wesley Bible Classes, to be organized and enrolled; seek to increase the membership of the Sunday schools at least 5,000; seek to win at least two thousand non-church members to a

definite decision for Christ ; encourage and commend the Methodist Orphanage, contributing all possible to the fund for the erection of a Boy's Building to be named in honor of the late John N. Cole ; make an annual report of officers and teachers to Dr. Bulla and to the District Superintendents of Wesley Bible Classes ; make an annual offering of at least \$1.00 for the support of the Federation ; encourage members to prepare themselves to be Sunday school teachers by taking the Teacher Training Course.

Some Arguments for the Baptism of Children

"The promise is to you and your children."

They came by families into the early church. Lydia, Stephanus, the jailor, all of his straightway. If either father or mother was a believer the child was considered eligible to be received.

It is objected that there is no direct commandment to that effect. There was none setting apart the first day ; none concerning what kind of bread to use in sacrament ; none allowing the women to partake of the Lord's Supper. Yet we do not find commandment against these things and we have allowed and practiced them throughout the history of the church with good effect.

The early church practised infant baptism. They debated about the age (8 days) but not about the facts. Waldenses in the twelfth century and the Ana-baptists in the sixteenth. Palagians in the fifth century said that no one had then denied it. Why did not Paul forbid it? Four hundred millions practice it and four millions do not.

It corresponds to circumcision and is the ordinance of initiation into the church. It is a sign and seal of the covenant. The covenant of grace has continued since Abraham but the sign has changed. Evidently the children belonged to the old church and why not to the new seeing that the promise is to them.

Objections. The child is ignorant of all of this. So was he under the old covenant. He can not believe. Yes, but he can believe afterwards. A sinner who is once baptized, although an unbeliever, is not baptized over, when he repents and believes.

The baptism comes a long time before his faith. An unbeliever then is baptized and it stands. You say that only those who believe and are baptized are saved. How about the child who dies in infancy? Children in the Jewish church could neither understand, respond nor believe.

Do some of the baptized children turn out bad? Yes, and so do some of the adults. If the parents train the child according to the covenant it would be better to risk the child.

Of such is the kingdom. Fit for the kingdom. You choose other things for your child, why not choose the service of the Lord for it too? The parents are to train the child the best possible, and inform it very early that it is to live according to certain vows, and then have it to take the vows for itself as soon as it is old enough.

Why did Jesus bless the young child? You can not think that he did a foolish or useless thing. Just what then did the child receive?

A man said that he had made a study of the adults that had died under his observation, and that he had known scarcely a one who died out of the faith who had been baptized in infancy.

Paragraphs on Many Things

One man put it after this fashion: "Whosoever thou art that worshipeth in this temple, enter it not without the spirit of reverence, and leave it not without one prayer for thyself, for him who ministers, and for all who worship here."

Since a native worker can be supported in the foreign field for one hundred or two hundred dollars, why cannot Memorial Sunday School care for one of them? By cutting out a few needless items of expense at home this could be easily done. We must watch or we will center our whole attention upon ourselves. It is possible to be selfish even in religious matters.

Sister, have you joined the Woman's Mission Society? It will do you a world of good to meet with the women of the church once or twice in the month. You will come to know them better, and there will be a mutual sympathy between all of you which will lighten many a burden and strengthen you many a time. Besides this all of you working together will be able to further the Master's kingdom in the world as just a few can never do.

Let the church remember those who are shut in the home and not able to go forth to work, and cannot be at the place of public worship. Visit them, pray for them, and cause them to feel that there is still a great work for them to do. Let them understand that the church stands much in need of their prayers and their sympathy, and that the younger generation will be cheered by their wise counsel.

There are those who consider the *Home Department Quarterly* the best magazine published by the Methodist Church. And this would mean that it will rank with the finest any-

where. All of the grown people who for any reason cannot or do not attend Sunday School ought to belong to this department of the school, and read this magazine. Dr. N. P. Boddie has charge of this branch of the work at Memorial, and is assisted in it by a committee of women. They will be glad to enroll you, and to furnish you with suitable literature if they be requested.

Memorial Church extends greetings and a hearty welcome to the new members who come in from time to time. They should feel very soon that the church is theirs, and be eager to bear a part in its privileges and labors. Each one was at a certain time a "New Member," and had to get used to things and find his place in the life of the congregation. All of us at this particular church especially should stand on the same plane as children of the same Father, and brothers and sisters in His household. The church at the old home and the one here are just the same, only different in outward form.

The Mangum Street congregation has sold its old church building and lot and will give up possession the latter part of the spring. They expect to begin the erection of their new building in a few weeks, its location to be on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street. The pastor and the congregation have worked very earnestly on this matter for two years and the people of the city will be glad to see them succeed.

The annual protracted services began at Trinity College on the thirtieth of January. Dr. F. N. Parker, from Atlanta, is doing the preaching. The whole community will be delighted to have him back in our midst for two weeks, and many will pray that a great revival will spread through the student body. The hours of preaching are twelve o'clock noon, and at seven-thirty in the evening.

All members of the church should look forward to the first Sunday of each month with deep interest. It is the time of the celebration of the Holy Sacrament. Everyone should examine his heart, and see that all forms of enmity and sin are put away from him, and be deeply contrite and repentant in spirit. It ought to be the most solemn and joyous hour of all the days. The people might well make special sacrifice, if necessary, in order to be present on these occasions.

It is a great inspiration for any one to see the great congregations that gather at the eleven o'clock services. They have been exceptionally good for the last three months. There are still some of the members who do not come to these assemblies of worship; just why it would be hard to say. By staying away they are missing the very finest things which are granted to the children of the Lord upon earth. All of the people need the inspiration and cleansing and fellowship which may be had at these sacred hours of worship. There are a few vacant seats that are a standing invitation to you who read these lines.

Do you some times attend the night services on Sundays? Or do you find yourself too feeble to venture out twice a day? This is probably a sign that old age is striking you. The neighbors have been noticing this for some time and now you begin to feel it. Did you ever go calling on Sunday night and thereby keep your friends from going to church? They decided to go that night, but changed their minds when you dropped in. Of course they told you that they did not care to go, and so all of you settled down for a comfortable evening, and nobody went. How would it do to come next Sunday night just to see what you have been missing?

Did you bow in prayer the last time you entered the church? Remember you are a Christian and should do things a little differently from the ordinary run of folks. It would help you very much to pray, and others seeing your example would fol-

low and be benefited too. In that moment's devotion you would certainly make mention of the minister, asking that he might be able to preach in truth and power that day. You forgot it last time? Well, you will remember it surely next Sunday morning.

And so the little one in your home is several months old now, and no arrangements have been made yet for its baptism. Mother, this will hardly be done unless you take the lead in the matter. On Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a few friends, in the home; or an evening in the week, after the day's work is over; at church or at Sunday School, any of these would be suitable occasions for such a service. The pastor would be well pleased to arrange for any hour that would meet the convenience of parents and child. Do not delay this another month for you fathers and mothers stand more than sponsors for these children.

At the last meeting of the Teachers' Council twenty-four people were present. Supper was served at seven o'clock in the basement of the church, and following it there was a discussion of the questions and difficulties arising in the work of the Sunday School. This is one of the most important gatherings of the month, and no teacher should miss it when it is possible to be present. The February meeting will be on Tuesday night the eighth, and forty or more should be in attendance.

A number of people have spoken of how much pleasure they get in the Wednesday evening prayer services. This hour of refreshment is placed mid-way between Lord's day and Lord's day, and is one of the choice hours of the week. There are always children at these gatherings, and they get much from them. This is the true social meeting of the church, and it would be wonderfully beneficial to all the congregation for it to assemble for an hour in such a way. Your seat is waiting in the fourth row; come and occupy it next Wednesday.

The Question Box

I have decided to open a page in the MESSENGER for questions. May be some one would like to ask a question about a passage in the Bible, or on some point of religious life and conduct, or about the church, or the churches of the world, or anything relating especially to the Christian religion. I shall be glad to consider every serious question sent in either by letter or by personal request. I do not agree to answer them all, for it is easier to ask than it is to answer, and some things have never been solved by even the wisest of men. If I can not find a good answer I shall frankly say so. I should not care to discuss catch questions, and those which by their very nature cannot be solved. Another class of questions which would be out of place here are those bearing on private grievances or quarrels and that would give offense to our readers. But the ones that will be especially appropriate are those that seek to know more about the truth, and to gain relief from difficulties, and that look to the making of our lives better. The names of those who ask the questions need not appear on this page.

(Signed) THE PASTOR.

Question: "Who baptized John the Baptist?"

Answer: "There is no record in the Bible of his having been baptized. He belonged to the Old Dispensation in which it was not required. He helped to usher in the new order of things."

Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at seven-thirty.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at seven-thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

Young People's Mission Society February sixth and twentieth at three.

Meeting of Board of Stewards Tuesday night February fifteenth.

Meeting of Woman's Mission Society Monday afternoon the seventh at three-thirty.

Meeting of Sunday School Council Tuesday night, the eighth. Supper in basement.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon the twenty-seventh at three.

Prayer Meeting at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's Tuesday, the eighth, at four.

Prayer services held by the Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second, at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Seminary, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these meetings is three o'clock.

The first Quarterly Conference for this charge will convene on Wednesday night, the sixteenth of February. The presiding elder is expected to conduct the devotional service at that time, and hold the session of the conference afterwards.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I am deeply interested in your home life. There is a decided difference between a house and a home. A house may be large and elegantly furnished and still not be much of a home. It may be an inn or a lodge or a place to stop when people are not at work, but it should be more than all these. Just a house might enclose people who live in strife and hatred, and it might be filled with the greed and uncleanness poured in from the streets. But a home does not depend on either a house or wealth alone. It is conditioned more upon what sort of life they live who dwell there. How I pity the children who live in a house instead of a home. I fancy that I can tell them from the home-dwelling children when I see them on the street. They are hungry, not for bread, but for love and sympathy, and for the companionship of fathers and mothers who have themselves tasted of the better and deeper things of life.

Some of you have recently set up house-keeping. Is that all you did? How about home-keeping? You have made fine provision for this new step in life by selecting a convenient spot and the best possible residence. I note that it is well furnished both in dining room, library, sleeping apartments and parlors. You have decided upon schools for the children and what they shall do when they grow up. Have you ever dedicated this house to be a Christian home? Let there be over the door-way this sentiment: "Let nothing enter here that shall in any way mar the purity and happiness of this home." Set it apart as the scene of the highest purposes and noblest living.

Certain things are essential to the best life of the home. One of these is to have a place and a time for devotion. The breakfast hour has come; the members of the family enter fresh from their sleep with a glad "Good Morning" each to the other. The Book is lying beside father's plate; he reads a few words in a subdued voice; thanks are given, a blessing is asked, and the lives of them all are committed to the Divine keeping until they shall meet again. A day begun in such a manner must be well spent. Father and brother will control themselves better in business; the children will make good students in school, while mother and sister will work with a song in their hearts all through the hours. Again before bedtime the family gather in mother's room and the Book is brought forth and is read and an earnest prayer is offered after which the household goes to rest. I think, father and mother, that you should make religion very beautiful and sacred in the home. Tell your children of the great sacred things of life and do not leave this for a stranger to do. It should be both your duty and jealous privilege to lead them to the Lord Jesus. Father, devote as much attention to the spiritual welfare of the boys as you do to your business. And mother, I think that you should see the children off to school and be there to greet them when they return home, and surely you should be the last one to touch them in their beds at night, telling them stories and singing them to sleep with a holy song. Do not allow the nurse to do this while you are off at some pleasure and work. This is your loftiest work and should be also the delight of your life.

You fathers and mothers passing away wish to leave some thing good for the children. Nothing finer can be left them than your own good life: If they can have confidence in you throughout the years of childhood; if they can look back in the after time and see your characters standing firm and strong; if they can remember that you were always true and pure; if they can recall that you had faith in God and kept faith with men, these will be more valuable than all the lands and merchandise and houses that you could leave them. The

mighty influence then of the consecrated home will follow them all the days of their lives, and will in the end lead them to eternal life.

And remember, children, that you too have a holy duty to perform in obeying your parents in the Lord and in loving them. Show consideration to brothers and sisters and be kind to them. Try to make your home a place where all good things dwell and where nothing of evil dare come. If you have not already given your life to the Lord Jesus, do not let another week pass before you do it. Take this as the motto and guide of your life, "I must do all things to please Him."

But I speak now to those of you who have no home, who, so to speak, dwell in tents, or lodge here and there. Allow the Christ to come even to that boarding place or stopping room. Do not be ashamed to acknowledge Him there. Find your way frequently to some good Christian home and have sweet fellowship with those who dwell there lest you get forever out of touch with the sanctity of holy family life.

Asking that the peace of God may abide upon all your homes with the aged members of the family and the little ones, I am, with every good wish,

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

Doctrines of the Methodist Church

All through its history the Methodist Church has held certain doctrines, or teachings, which have constituted the greater part of its strength, and have been the means of winning so many of the unsaved multitudes. Other churches hold, of course, some of these doctrines, but perhaps none besides ours holds so many of them and emphasizes them as strongly. Some of the principal ones among these teachings are, "Universal Redemption," "Repentance," "Regeneration," "Justification by faith," "Witness of the Spirit," and "Apostasy, or falling away from the faith." From time to time these will be set forth as simply and as plainly as possible in the

Messenger, and the pastor hopes that the grown folks will read them with profit and also explain them to the children. In this way they will come to know what the Methodist Church stands for and to see that it has a reason for existing. The first of these doctrines is given here, and those who read are requested to look up the Scripture passages and compare them with one another.

Universal Redemption

By this expression we mean to say we believe that "Christ died for all men, and every one has a chance of being saved." The following passages from the Bible go to prove this. In Hebrews 2:9 it is written, "That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." In II Corinthians 5:14-15, "Because we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead, and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves." See I John 2:12, "And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." I Timothy 2, verses 3 and 4, "God our Saviour who will have all men to be saved." Then the well known lines in John 3:16, "That whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We are commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature. Now the Gospel is "Good News," but it would be bad news unless each one had a chance to be saved by it. It was said to be good tidings of great joy to all people. At another place "All men every where" are commanded to repent in view of the above opportunity. God does not mock men by publishing good news and withholding it from them, and it would be unnecessary for them to repent unless they could also be forgiven.

Now if the atonement is limited to a part of the people then it seems that God must be limited either in his power or his love. He either could not redeem the whole race through Christ and must content himself with a partial work, or he would not because he did not love all of them like he

did some of them. This would be to limit either his power or his love, but these are both contrary to what we have just read in the Bible about it.

To redeem only a part of the people and give only a few of them a chance would be inconsistent with the justice of God. We can not conceive how he could be just and yet fail to give all of us an opportunity. He could not surely have a prejudice against one class of men in favor of the others, and many of these not yet born. God who does not respect persons, would not thus use partiality.

In the teaching of universal redemption the claims of justice, love and power are all fully met. They harmonize richly here, and nowhere else. It is deeply satisfying to the hearts of us all for we feel that it is as it should be, and entirely worthy of our God. Anything else would be revolting to our highest moral sense. He so loved the world, not a part of it, but the whole, that whosoever believeth might live. Now if man repents and believes he would be doing his part, and on the other side God is pledged; he cannot fail; he would not invite a person to partake of a thing which it is impossible for him to receive, nor require him to do what he could never do. He is both able and willing to save unto the uttermost all who come unto him. How good these words sound, "Died for all," "Gave himself a ransom for all," "Tasted death for every man," "Whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."

Those who believe in a limited or partial atonement have never been able to give us a sufficient reason from the Scriptures, nor yet from their own hearts, why it should be so. Those passages in the Bible which seem to imply a thing of this sort will be found usually to have their application to the life of a nation or a people rather than to an individual. A nation has no soul, and God sometimes deals in an arbitrary fashion with it, but in the case of a person God places salvation before him and leaves him to his own choice. This is why some of the "all" redeemed by Christ fail of being saved; they have not taken advantage of the atonement of

the Christ. But as for us we will believe that he died for all and that he died for "me", and we will find salvation in His name.

Francis Asbury

The thirty-first of March, 1916, will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Francis Asbury. Services will be held throughout all the Methodist world in memory of this great man. Asbury was one of the preachers sent by Wesley to America in 1771, and he was ordained as the second bishop of the Methodist Church, Thomas Coke having been put in that office a short time before. Asbury was one of the greatest of the pioneer ministers of all time. It is supposed that he traveled six thousand miles a year by foot, on horse-back and by vehicle. He crossed the Alleghany Mountains fifty-eight times. His historians give us these points concerning his work. "During the forty-five years of his ministry in this country he delivered not less than 16425 sermons besides lectures and exhortations innumerable; he traveled during the same time about two hundred and seventy thousand miles; for the most part on the worst roads, and on horse-back; he sat in not less than two hundred and twenty-four Annual Conferences; and ordained more than four thousand ministers. He found five hundred Methodists in the country when he began his ministerial labors; at his death he left a flourishing church in all parts of the land, with more than two hundred and eleven thousand communicants, and served by upwards of seven hundred traveling preachers and three thousand local ministers." Very justly he is called the "Apostle of Methodism in America."

In 1780 Asbury came to this section visiting what is now Durham, Orange and Caswell counties especially. There is not space here to give an extended account of this man and his work which held so prominent a place in this country for a half century. Let our people purchase a book called "The Heart of Asbury's Journal," edited by Tipple, and read this

glorious history from the man's own diary. It will be of interest to know that Asbury's tomb is in Baltimore, Maryland.

Matters Financial

Again we have cause for congratulations. Up to the end of January 312 people had contributed during the new church year. The report now is that the number has risen to 391 who have given something on their yearly assessment. This is a gain of 79. The collections for February show a gain of \$60 over the same month one year ago. We should take encouragement from all this and bend every energy towards perfection in this matter. Remember the motto, "Some offering from every member each week."

There is a little hole in the lid of the box, or carton, in which your envelopes are placed. This is to be swung on a small hook or nail at some convenient place in the house where it will be frequently seen. Just by the looking glass, sister, and you will not fail to see it. Right by the mantel or the over-coat rack, brother, and you will be sure to remember it. See that the children have some money and that they put it in the envelopes reserved for them and that they bring them to church. Train them now, and they will be more liberal than we older folks have been. Let March be the best month yet in our contributions.

Teacher Training Class

It is very probable that a training class for future as well as present teachers will be organized in our Sunday School in March. Dr. E. W. Knight and Rev. W. W. Peele will have charge of the work. The book used will be "The Pupil, the Teacher and the Child," which has recently been adopted by our General Board. Many of the choice young people of Memorial Church should take advantage of this opportunity for training. Turn to the *Raleigh Christian Advocate* of Feb. 17, and read the statement which Mr. M. W. Brabham gives of this course.

The Young People's Mission Society

BY MISS ESTELLE FLOWERS, *Secretary*.

The Young People's Mission Society was reorganized in January with Miss Lillie Duke as the newly elected lady manager. For a number of years Miss Lillie has been closely indented with the young people's work, and she is a most capable and enthusiastic leader.

At the first meeting in January there were only twelve names on the roll, but there has been a steady increase until the membership now numbers thirty-five, with still one month of the quarter ahead of us.

Two meetings of the society are held each month in the basement of the church. The first Sunday afternoon is devoted to a business meeting, and on the third Sunday a literary program is given. The last meeting was the most enthusiastic one, twenty-five people being present, five of whom took part in the program; and ten responded when the leader called for sentence prayers.

We are truly grateful for the interest that is being manifested but still there are a hundred or more of the young folks in the church who should belong to this society. Can you spend an hour more profitably than in attending one of the meetings where instruction, information and valuable training are given? The Society needs you. Will you not come and give in your name at the next meeting on the third Sunday in March at three o'clock?

Reception for the Choir

Mrs. S. W. Venable gave an informal reception to the choir of the church and a few invited guests on Thursday evening, February the twenty-fourth. After an hour's delightful music in the church they all repaired to the Ladies' class room. Here refreshments were served by Misses Eva Crews and Mary Venable, and the rest of the evening was

spent in social fellowship. Mrs. Venable has shown herself an excellent leader for the choir, and the musicians are glad to follow her direction.

Churches and People

The presiding elder, Rev. J. C. Wooten, called together the preachers of the district and held a conference with them at Memorial Church Feb. 14 and 15. Plans were made for the year especially regarding revivals, Sunday Schools and the collections for the several causes of the church. Nineteen of the twenty-six pastors attended the meeting. Some of the others were sick and could not come.

Several of the Methodist Churches of Durham will hold their protracted services before Easter. Rev. O. I. Hinson has announced a meeting to begin at Branson the first Sunday of March. Rev. Mr. Liddell will do the preaching. He is the minister who held such a great revival at Central, Raleigh, last year. Rev. A. McCullen expects to have Rev. J. E. Abernathy to assist him, beginning at Trinity Church on the second Sunday of March. Mr. Milam, who sang at Memorial last year, will lead the singing for them. Meetings will probably be held at Mangum Street and at West Durham in April of which more definite announcements will be made later. Much preparation in prayer and work is being made for these services, and all well-wishers to the work are asked to pray for great revivals.

The Avera Bible lectures are given once in two years at Trinity College. This spring is the time for them, and the date has been set for April 9-11, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, will be the speaker. He is the senior bishop of the M. E. Church, South, he having taken the place on the superannuation of Bishop Wilson. Bishop Hendrix is a man who has traveled much and has read very widely

and is a popular speaker wherever he goes. Methodism in Durham will give him a glad welcome into our midst.

Mrs. O. I. Hinson, the wife of the pastor of Branson Church, has entered with a great deal of zeal into the work of the church and community around Branson. Two features of her activity are worthy of notice; the kindergarten work among the children of the Sunday School, and the organization of an auxiliary among the women. At the last report there were ninety or more of the women who had joined this movement in that part of the city to make a stronger church and a better community in which to live. The congregations at the preaching services at this church have more than doubled, and over a hundred have been added to the Sunday School this year.

After two years of very hard struggle the Mangum Street congregation have let the contract for the building of their new church on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth street. Mr. J. T. Salmon is the contractor, and they hope to have the building ready for occupancy by the fall. These people are worthy, both by their fine character and their noble efforts, to have the utmost sympathy and help of all the city in this undertaking.

Prof. W. H. Glasson, of Trinity College, a member of Memorial Church, has been appointed a collaborator of the Department of History and Economics of the Carnegie Peace Endowment. In this work he is associated with Prof. A. S. Johnston, of Cornell, and Prof. W. A. Tausig, of Harvard.

The Question Box

Those having serious questions which have caused them difficulty in understanding are requested to ask them through this department, and an attempt, at least, will be made to clear them up.

Question: "Will Christians be angels in heaven?"

Answer: We understand that angels were created, and not born as human beings are. And the good ones at least did not need any redemption as fallen human beings did. The Scriptures do not teach that we shall be angels, but in some respects it would seem that the Christian through the atonement of Jesus will attain to even a higher glory. In Hebrews 1:14 angels are called "ministering spirits." But in the first John 3:2 Christians are called "Sons of God." As recorded in Saint Luke 20:36, Jesus said that the good would be equal to the angels, especially in regard to the truth that they should die no more.

Question: "What was Herod's Temple?"

Answer: Solomon built his temple 1000 years before Christ and it was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar after 400 years. After the people returned from captivity the temple was repaired but it was not as great as at first. Shortly before the time of Christ Herod the Great enlarged it and made it more glorious, and from that it took its name, "Herod's Temple," yet it was in substance the same as the other. In the year of our Lord 70 the Romans finally destroyed the temple. It seems that a few of the great stones that composed the foundation still lie in the ravine beneath it. The Mohammedans have had one of their temples, called the Mosque of Omar, on the same ground for many centuries.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Five hundred and sixty present at Sunday School is a pretty fine attendance. There are still others both old and young who would find it profitable to come. Let every one try to make March the best month yet in this respect.

The Sunday School Council met in February with twenty-five present. Many tangles and difficulties are straightened out in this session, and besides this those who come have an hour of pleasant fellowship over their evening meal. Remember that all teachers and officers are expected at the next meeting on the night of the seventh.

The teachers of the Primary and Junior departments are holding a separate council for their classes. The work in that part of the school is so different from the kind done in the rest of the school that the leaders thought it well to meet one afternoon in the month to thrash out all difficulties and to plan for future developement.

Prof. W. W. Peele has thirty young men in his Teacher Training Class at Trinity Park School. A regular course will soon be offered in the college in this line of work. The whole church is being awakened to the importance of training its teaching force more thoroughly. We should welcome heartily every agency that looks to this end.

This is an announcement for a Church Conference to be held at the morning hour of the second Sunday of March. It will be a brief session either preceding or following the preaching service, and will consist mainly of short reports from the various organizations of the church. The presidents or secretaries of these departments will kindly see that such reports are prepared.

Memorial Church will probably begin its protracted meeting on or about the first of May. The weather ought to be well settled by that time, and the most of the other meetings of the city will be off the docket then. A more extended and definite announcement will be made later. In the meantime let all of our people look forward with prayer to that period.

Next Sunday morning, March the fifth, at eleven o'clock, the pastor would like very much to baptize about thirty little children. This service will be held in the auditorium of the church. Fathers and mothers, please bring your children at that hour and dedicate them to the Christ. Some of you have put this off longer than you should. Be sure to come this time, and let it be known that you are going to do your utmost to bring up the child for Christ. See the article in the February Messenger on the subject.

THE RALEIGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

To one who looks over the subscription list of the *Advocate* the following facts are revealed. With 375 homes in the congregation the *Advocate* goes into 53. Of the Board of Stewards 17 subscribe and 13 do not. Half of the trustees take it. Out of the 53 subscribers 27 need to have their subscriptions renewed, and some of them are behind more than one year. So one home out of every seven gets the church paper. Is that enough for this great church? Let us take the month of March to go far beyond this record. The pastor is enclosing with this copy of the Messenger an envelope which may be used by either the old subscribers in renewing or by the new ones. Now let each one who does not take the paper place \$1.50 in the envelope and bring it to church next Sunday, give it to the pastor or throw it into the plate, and your name and amount will be sent in to the editor. The pastor is requesting him to send you a sample copy this week. The old subscribers are requested to put into the envelope that which will pay them up to the present

time at least, and if possible for a year in advance of this. If they will look at the label on the paper they can find when their year is out. It is very important indeed that you have a religious paper in your home, and the very first one should be the paper of your own church. You should have it for your own sake and for that of your children. Please do not forget that you are to bring the envelope with you next Sunday.

The following have been received into the church since our last issue: Mrs. Cora Penny, 703 W. Pettigrew St., by vows. Ernest Harris, Trinity College, and Mrs. D. B. Lefler, 424 Warren St., by letter. These have taken their membership elsewhere: Miss Ina West, Fred Flowers, Mrs. J. A. Nowell, Mrs. Geo. Seawell, M. W. Tucker, Eugenia Smith, Hervey Newsom, John L. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Russell, Miss Ethel and Lyles Russell.

Mrs. J. W. Howard lost her husband in February. He suffered a stroke many months ago, and was a patient sufferer for a long time. Little Berta Frances, the child of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mooney, died on the second of last month. It had lived but one month. The Memorial congregation extend their sympathy through the MESSENGER to all these our brothers and sisters who sorrow for their losses.

SOCIAL GATHERING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

On Friday evening the eighteenth of February Prof. Hornaday's class of young men gave a reception to the young women of Mrs. Hornaday's class. About one hundred of them were present, and they had a mighty good time playing games after the old fashion. Misses Warren and McClees furnished music for the occasion, and Mrs. Hornaday gave several readings, after which Mr. North made a few broken remarks. Refreshments and a guessing contest closed the entertainment. Mrs. J. J. Wolfe assisted the teachers in making the evening pleasant for the young folks.

Once more we are facing a Communion Sunday, the greatest day of all the month. Let us examine our hearts and put out of them all enmity and malice and every evil thing, and may we be desirous of a new life as we approach the altar. We will forgive as we have been forgiven, and as far as possible will go straighten up the wrong we have done others. We will not forget also the order in which we are to take the Sacrament. It was done almost perfectly last first Sunday. Remember that when people are retiring from the altar that no one is to rise until they have gotten well within the mouth of the aisle. Then those on the front seats will rise in a body and come forward to kneel. When those in the aisles have taken their seats then others from the congregation will come to occupy the row of front seats encircling the altar. Just remember three things: first, do not meet anyone in the aisle. Second, let those alone who are on the front seat come to the altar, unless it be either the first table or the last one, in which case they may come from anywhere in the house. The third thing to remember is not to hurry.

As this magazine goes to press one can hear the rattle of dishes and get the smell of brunswick stew as the Daughters of Wesley are preparing to serve the Sons of Wesley, commonly known as The Pastor's Aides. The Daughters always do things well, and the Sons have excellent ways of allowing themselves to be received. And you, gentle reader, will have lost the chance of sitting at this feast by waiting to read these lines.

Is there any good reason why we should not all rise at once when the signal is given to sing or read? The crowd usually rises like a wave, a little at the time, or to be more exact it comes to its feet by sections as a horse or cow would get up from the ground. This can all be remedied in one Sunday by everybody looking at the choir and getting up as they rise. So with this in mind we will try to have that perfect on next Lord's Day.

Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at seven-thirty.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at seven-thirty.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

Young People's Mission Society March fifth and nineteenth, at three.

Meeting of the Board of Stewards Tuesday night, March fourteenth.

Meeting of Woman's Mission Society Monday afternoon, the sixth, at three-thirty.

Meeting of Sunday School Council Tuesday night, the seventh. Supper in basement.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon, the twenty-sixth, at three.

Prayer Meeting at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's Tuesday, the seventh, at four.

Prayer services held by the Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second, at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Seminary, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these meetings is three o'clock.

Baptism of children, Sunday, March 5, at three o'clock, in the church.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I feel impressed to write you today about your love one for another. At the close of that memorable supper which Jesus ate with His disciples, Judas had just gone out and the little circle of men had drawn closer together around the Lord to hear what He would say. Jesus told them that all men should know that they were His followers because they loved one another. So he said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

My friends, love must be the bond that holds you together ; other ties would not be strong enough ; they would break when the strain comes. The world looks at us very closely to see if it can find flaws and weakness in us. The one thing about us that is to impress the unbelieving people around us is our love for each other. They will see us and say that we are like Christ. If they see us bite and devour ; if they see us going to law against each other ; hearing us speaking evil of our own spiritual kin ; do you suppose they would ever take us for disciples of the Lord Jesus ?

One thing that keeps us from loving the brethren enough is that we do not think about them and consider them as we should. They are too much like strangers to us. If we went to the pains to enter into their lives we should find cause to love them beyond any thing we had dreamed. We would find them much like ourselves ; people having the same hopes and aspirations and the same hardships. We should then have a fellow-feeling for them and be able to bear more patiently with them. You will see that they are better people than you

had thought at first. You have missed a great deal by not loving them. Break out of the little circle where you have moved, and open your heart to take in all of God's people, and life will be greater and richer than ever.

If you loved people more you would not neglect them; would not criticise them so much, but would want to share their joys and griefs. They need encouragement and some one to pray for them and to sympathize with them, and all this you can give them well. We are brothers and sisters in the same great household, and as such we must be kind and compassionate.

Just why would men know that we were disciples of Jesus rather than of some one else? Because His kingdom is one of love. In some other spheres force and self-seeking and cunning are the distinguishing marks, but the kingdom of Jesus is the only one in which love is the most powerful factor. Artists, musicians, pupils of any sort who study under their masters absorb the spirit of their teachers, and in a certain sense do the work as they do. Often we are able to tell from their work what school they belong to. Now the most striking characteristic of the school of Christ is love on the part of His pupils for each other and their Master. So if we show this, people will understand that we are His disciples. Love will be our watch-word, our rule, our badge.

He said, "As I have loved you, so are you to love one another." This is a hard task He has set for us. How did He love us? Better than He did his own life. He loved us unto the end, unto the uttermost. Can we meet the test? Let us try a little bit harder this month than we did last.

With every good wish and prayer, I am

Your sincere friend,

HARRY M. NORTH.

Palm Sunday—The Triumphal Entry

April sixteenth will be celebrated this year as Palm Sunday. It commemorates the time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem publicly announcing himself as the Messiah, and the people cut palm branches and spread them in the road. Jesus had not up to this time proclaimed himself the Christ before the multitudes for He said his time was not yet come. There was danger on one hand that they would try to make Him an earthly king, and on the other they might seek to put Him to death before he had accomplished His work. But now when they saw Him riding upon the ass's colt all would know what claim He made for himself.

He came proclaiming a kingdom of truth rather than one of physical force. He put himself unarmed into the hands of the greatest world power of those times. He declared that His kingdom was not of this world or his servants would fight for it. Even yet the world has not been able to understand a spiritual kingdom.

On this day the multitudes were elated in the prospect of the kingdom of Isreal being restored. Jesus did not allow himself to become intoxicated with the thought of worldly glory. He knew that in a few days the people would be disappointed at his action and turn against Him. They would soon put a reed in His hand and mock Him; at best those who were praising Him at this time would then be silent. Jesus alone knew what a week would bring forth, so He was not swept off his feet by the cheering. Out from the city He could see the hill upon which He was soon to suffer.

Jesus wept over the city, saying "If thou hadst known." He forgets His own sorrow in the thought of the desolation which shall come upon the city. Jerusalem had had her glorious day, and now her sun was to set in darkness. Who knows what might have been if Jerusalem had received Him as her Lord.

So Jesus gave the rulers the last chance to accept Him as the Messiah, but they grew more hostile to Him every hour

and planned his ruin. That was the day on which the people selected the lamb to be killed for the Passover, and it was on this same day that the rulers decided in their hearts that they must put to death Jesus, the Lamb of God. Read, and learn by heart the following hymn which was written in memory of that time :

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father, on his sapphire throne,
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Passion Week

The last few days of our Lord's life on earth are known as Passion Week, or the week of his sufferings. We have already seen how He came into the city on Palm Sunday. Beginning with that time we will trace as well as possible the course of events to the end. Not far from Jerusalem was the little town of Bethany where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Now Jesus and His disciples were there each evening of this week and spent the night at the home of these friends. On Monday as He came in He pronounced the curse against the barren fig

tree. Having taught in the temple that day He went again to Bethany. Tuesday was a very eventful day in which he contested with the rulers, answering all arguments which they could bring, giving them also those great parables written in the 21st and 22nd chapters of Saint Matthew. We do not know what He did on Wednesday, but it is likely that He rested. About this time Judas closed his bargain with the chief priests. On Thursday He comes for the last time into the city sending two men to prepare for the Passover. It was that night when Supper was over that Jesus gave the greatest of all His discourses. These are found in five chapters of Saint John's Gospel beginning with the thirteenth. When He was through speaking they sang the Hallel, which is Psalms 113-118, and then went out across the brook into the Garden of Gethsemane.

It was there that Jesus agonized in prayer, having left his disciples behind Him. They were not able to watch with Him one hour. Presently Judas came and betrayed Him with a kiss and the mob arrested Jesus. Peter resented the affront but Jesus would not allow him to use his sword. Long before day on that Friday morning they carried Him before Annas, the father-in-law of the high priest. Next they carried Him to Caiaphas, who was acting high priest. A few of the rulers who had remained awake for the occasion met Him there and having questioned Him condemned Him unfairly. They left Him then until day-light and they assembled the Sanhedrim, or Jewish court. During this time they mocked Him and spit on Him, and Peter denies Him. When it was light they tried Him before their court and afterwards took Him to Pilate, the governor. It was now that Judas, seeing how things were going, brought the money back and went and hanged himself.

For the first time Jesus enters the palace of a king. It was six o'clock, and the city was scarcely awake. Pilate could find nothing wrong with Him and sent Him to Herod who was in town for the feast. This was the Herod who had killed John the Baptist. After he had set Jesus at naught and in derision had dressed Him in gorgeous clothing he sent him again to

Pilate. The governor tried to have Him released but the people claimed Barabbas instead. After hearing the dream of his wife Pilate tried to wash his hands of the matter but the crowd would not allow him. They clamored for his death. So when Pilate had scourged Him he delivered Jesus to be crucified. All of this had taken place before nine o'clock in the morning on Friday. Compelling Him to bear his cross they came out to Calvary at this hour where they crucified Him. Jesus hung upon the cross about seven hours. At noon the heavens were darkened and remained so until three o'clock.

During this time Jesus uttered seven sayings from the cross, which are as follows: Concerning those who were putting Him to death He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." To the thief He said, "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Seeing Mary, his mother, standing there with Saint John, he said to them, "Woman, behold thy son; Son, behold thy mother." Again he cried in the language of the 22nd Psalm, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Again, "I thirst." And, "It is finished." At three o'clock He cried with a loud voice, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," and when He said this He died. At four o'clock they took Him from the cross, burying Him a half hour later, and set the guard at the tomb at five. "And thus the Redeemer was left pale, but victorious, to sleep through the Sabbath." The following hymn written in memory of that day is held by many to be the greatest ever written on any subject. We should know it by heart.

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Resurrection

The month of April should be a very thoughtful time for our people. It is a season filled with holy memories which come crowding in upon us from those early days. It should also be an occasion of sacred joy as we meditate on the victory of the Lord Jesus over death and the grave; especially so when we know the triumph was not for himself alone, but He won the fight for us too. His resurrection is a pledge of ours, for He said, "If I live ye shall live also."

You know the story well. You recall how certain women went to the tomb at that early morning hour, and did not find the Master but some angels instead, who told them that He was not there but had arisen. These women in turn informed the disciples of their experience. Two of these men, John and Simon Peter, ran to see for themselves, and found the empty tomb and the linen clothes and the angels, but no Christ. Now Mary of Magdala stood weeping near the sepulcher. After talking with the angels she was turning away when One who she supposed to be the gardener addressed her to know why she wept. She told him that she sought her Lord who had been borne away. The man then called her name and she discerned that He was Jesus, and she was filled with joy at finding Him. Again he appeared to two men and after walking to town in their company He sat down to supper with them in the evening. Within the next few days all the disciples had seen Him and believed, even Thomas being convinced when he saw his hands and his side.

Have you ever thought what an important part this hope of the resurrection plays even in the everyday life? While we are busy about our tasks there is a sort of undercurrent of

feeling, a restful feeling that all is well. Thousands of people would give up tomorrow if they thought this life ended the story forever. Men would say, "What is the use? All of my toil and sacrifice are in vain. Why should we suffer for the truth if there is to be no life after this? The game is not worth the candle." But this hope assures us of a successful outcome for our labor; it gives us the victory over sin and the grave. Too many of us look no higher than the grave. There is nothing to inspire us there; nothing else quite so dismal; no pleasant memory is associated with it. Cover it with grass and flowers if you will, but after all it scars the fair earth, and it robs us of all we hold dear. But the hope of the resurrection promises that the grave is not the goal of life, and this hope we have in the risen Christ.

In the resurrection is seen the disappointment of sin and the triumph of truth. From the hour of the crucifixion until the dawn of the first day of the week sin appeared to have the mastery over earth and heaven. Maybe Satan stood that night on pinnacle of the temple, and cried out, "All these things are mine, and victory over the Christ as well." How they must have celebrated their conquest in hell during that Jewish Sabbath. But their song of triumph did not last long; before sun-up it was known in hell that Jesus had arisen.

Our hope lies then in Christ, and in Him alone, for if He did not arise we are the most pitiable of all creatures having put our faith in a dead Lord who cannot save us. We would still be in our sins, and would die there, and pass out into the region of lost things into the realm of the forgotten. But the Christian is not miserable; on the contrary he is happy, for he knows whom he has believed, and is persuaded that Christ is able to keep that which is committed unto Him against that day. We do not fight as those who beat the air in meaningless and frantic effort, but we contend with the certainty of faith in ultimate victory.

The light of Easter morning falls upon the cross and makes it the beacon light of the ages; it falls upon the words of the Bible and puts a new meaning in them; it falls on the pathway

of the Christian and tells him, "There is a life above, unmeasured by the flight of years, and all that life is love." Learn this Easter hymn and let it be your song for all the month:

Christ the Lord is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, the sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell:
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ hath opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where's thy victory, boasting grave?

District Meeting Woman's Mission Society

To the Ladies of Memorial Church:

Through the kindness of the good people of Trinity Church there will be held at that place on April 10 and 11 a mission meeting for all the women of the Durham District. The first session will be held at 11 o'clock Monday. Bishop Hendrix will conduct the closing service on Tuesday at 3 o'clock. Conference officers will be present and will make inspiring talks.

Every lady of Memorial Church is invited to attend the four sessions. There will be no night session because of the Avera Bible Lectures at the College. While this meeting is planned primarily for the mission societies, the purpose of it is to stimulate a closer fellowship, to promote more faithful work, and to deepen the spirit of consecration and self-denial throughout the entire district. For this reason every church within our bounds is asked to send representatives. Mrs. Angier has been elected to represent Memorial Church. With

all the earnestness of my soul I am praying that one hundred women from this church will attend every session. Won't you support the leaders and the plans with your prayers and inspire the meeting with your presence?

Last year the 431 women in the 13 mission societies, the 68 young people in the two societies, and the 215 Bright Jewels in the five bands raised altogether \$5,812.99. Of this amount, according to the Mission Conference Minutes, the Memorial organizations paid \$2,061.85. Just think what might be done if every one would become a worker!

Allow me again to call your attention to the service for April 11 at 3 o'clock to be conducted by Bishop Hendrix. The public is invited.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. W. W. PEELE, *Secretary*.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Rev. J. C. Wooten is expected to preach at eleven o'clock on Sunday, the sixteenth of April. This is his regular appointment for the second quarter of the year.

It is likely that the last of the sacred concerts for the season will be given at the church during the week following Easter; the exact day will be announced later.

Bishop Hendrix has been engaged to deliver the Avera Bible Lectures at Trinity on April 9, 10, and 11. He will very likely preach at least once in Memorial Church on Sunday, the 9th. It will be well worth the while of all our people to hear him.

The pastor still urges his people to bring their subscriptions for the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* to the services next Sunday. Not many brought their names for this last month. Every Methodist should have his church paper in his home. They need not expect to train their children in the faith unless they place our literature in their hands.

On March fifth Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Underwood brought their little son, Harrison Aubrey, and had him baptized. On that same day the pastor baptized two lads, Rolland Runnels and Edward Greenlaw Runnels, being ten and seven years old respectively. These parents are showing themselves consistent Christians according to the Methodist faith by having their children thus publicly dedicated to God.

If any of our girls or young women are thinking of attending school away from home in the fall the pastor will be glad to furnish them with information concerning our church schools and colleges, and will give them literature and put them in touch with the institutions themselves. Greensboro

College for Women; Louisburg Female College; Carolina College at Maxton; Littleton Female College; either of these would furnish an excellent place for our girls to go.

The floors of the Sunday School building have recently been thoroughly cleaned and oiled. It is the effort of the stewards and sexton to keep the building in the best possible condition. All members of the congregation are urged to assist in every possible way towards this end. The building should be held as a sacred thing for the worship of all the people.

Speaking of the Primary Department of the Sunday School: did you notice how full it has been lately? They have overflowed and gone into the kitchen to find room for all the little folks. These small primary folks need very much a piano about their size. One of this sort will cost, maybe, one hundred and sixty dollars. Possibly some lover of little people would like to present them with such an instrument. Or if one person could not do this, all of us together might easily buy it for them. Suppose you go down stairs some day and see how they are situated.

March the twelfth was only an ordinary Sunday, yet there were five hundred and seventy-two in attendance upon the Sunday School. This is probably the largest attendance we have had when no special effort was made to bring the folks out. This means that we must have more room and more rooms. Have you ever been down to see the great room beneath the church auditorium? This should be fitted up in the next few months to accommodate the enlarged attendance. This addition would make a large auditorium in itself.

A Church Conference was held on March the twelfth. Reports were read from the various departments of the church. Prof. R. N. Wilson spoke for the Sunday School. Mr. J. C.

Boggs reported for the Epworth League. Miss Estelle Flowers read a paper on the Young People's Mission Society. Mrs. J. C. Angier presented the work of the Woman's Mission Society. Mr. N. J. Boddie gave the financial statement for the church. Many people have spoken of the benefit and pleasure they received from this conference.

The pastor had intended beginning a series of meetings in Memorial Church the first of May, but owing to many things of a public nature to be held that month it was thought well to place it at another date. It seems now that early in October will be the best time for it. Other meetings are being held this spring and the fall should furnish ample season for ours without its being crowded. In the meantime let all the people look forward to that occasion with prayer.

From time to time the pastor gives the invitation to penitents at the close of the regular services on Sunday. Why should souls not be converted on any day in the year? If the members of the church would come with enthusiasm to the night services and would pray earnestly for their unsaved friends, there is no reason why many of them should not be saved along through all seasons. To accomplish a work of this sort however it is necessary for the membership to keep themselves in close touch with God. A church which is spiritually alive ought to have souls born into its family very frequently.

Bible Readings for Month of April

On the Triumphal Entry: Luke 19:24-44.

What Jesus said at the Last Supper: Saint John, from the first part of the 13th to the end of the 17th chapter.

The Agony in Gethsemane; followed by the betrayal and arrest: Matthew 26:36-56.

The Trial of Jesus: John 18:12-39; Matthew 26:57-75; Luke 23:1-25.

The Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus: Matthew 27:32-61.
The Resurrection: John 20:1-18.

Social Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society

On the second Monday in March the Woman's Missionary Society held a literary and social meeting to which the ladies of the church were invited. Mrs. Gates led the meeting and gave a splendid talk on the second chapter of Philippians. Several interesting papers were read, and a beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Hamlin. Mr. North closed the meeting with prayer. The ladies were then invited to the basement for a pleasant social hour, where tea and sandwiches were served.

MRS. H. N. SNOW, JR., *Recording Secretary*.

Received and Removed

Received by letter: C. R. Crane, Mrs. C. R. Crane, near Trinity Park School; David K. Lockhart, in Geer Building; Miss Emily Jenkins, 509 Vickers Avenue. Dismissed by letter: Mrs. W. D. Dodson, Mrs. Lucy F. Harris, Wm. T. Eure, Mrs. W. K. Dennis, Mrs. C. A. Sykes, Geo. S. Sexton, Robert L. Hunter, W. D. Hyland.

Mrs. Sarilla Walters died since our last issue. She was the mother of W. B. Walters on Markham Street, and had reached the age of sixty-eight years. The service was held at the home, but the burial took place beyond the town of Chapel Hill. She was a member of Memorial Church but on account of affliction had not been able to attend for some months. One by one our membership is transferred to the Great Church on the other side.

Letter from a Little Boy

Dear "Big Folks" of Memorial Church:

I want to write a letter, though I am a very small boy, to the papas and mamas and the uncles and aunties and all the rest of the people that come to our church and that love little

boys and girls. I want to tell you what a good time we have at Sunday School. We have little chairs to sit in so our feet can touch the floor, and tables to put our handwork on, and a nice place to pin our pretty pictures. Our teacher tells us a nice story every Sunday, and we have learned ever so many Bible verses. Do you know that one about "Be ye kind?" and "We love, because He first loved us?" I like these two the best. Well, we do all sorts of nice things, marching when we put our money in the box, and singing songs, and clapping our hands and playing like we were ringing the church bell that says, "Come, come, all may come, Fathers and mothers and children, too."

But there's just one thing we don't have and that's a nice piano to play when we march and sing, and little folks love pianos so. It just makes them feel good all inside to hear them. I tell you what I wish. I wish somebody would do like Santa Claus, just put a nice piano down in the Beginners' Department some Saturday night, and there it will be Sunday morning when we go to Sunday School. Whew! Wouldn't we sing that day? Please come to see us, and if you know of anybody that loves to make little boys and girls happy won't you tell them about our wanting a piano so bad? We've already made ten dollars ourselves.

With my best love,

JAMES (Aged 5),
Beginners' Department,
Memorial Sunday School.

The superintendent of the Primary Department appoints the following ladies to receive funds sent in for the children's piano: Worker's Committee, Mrs. M. W. Brabham, Mrs. W. K. Boyd, Mrs. L. C. Draughan. Mother's Committee, Mrs. Clem Satterfield, Mrs. Horace Snow and Mrs. E. B. Lyon. Any one wishing to contribute will kindly see one of these ladies.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I have cause to thank God every day for the number of good people that there are in our church. Many of these are living quiet, simple lives in all pureness and Godliness, keeping faith with their Lord, loving the church as they do themselves. They are people of prayer and they are governing their lives by the word of God. Such as this makes a church rich and is the only thing that should ever bring it renown.

It is of the utmost importance that we should work together in unity for the common good and for the glory of the same Lord. Let us not speak many things, but just one thing. As it takes many stones, some of them small and others large, to construct a single temple, let us being many be built together into one great spiritual house for the indwelling of our Lord. Again, as many members go to make up the human body so that it becomes an organism perfect in its life and its workings, in like manner do we the individual members unite in making a perfect spiritual church in Christ Jesus. As God is in Christ, and Christ in God, so we should be in one another, and all of us together in Christ the Lord. This will come to pass when each one of us is filled with the Holy Spirit.

I am sure that you have already learned that the Christian life will not run itself, but that it takes the utmost care to keep one's self unspotted from the world and to do the will of the Father which is in heaven. It takes a great deal of patience to keep the small worries and duties of the home from stealing the sweetness from your spirits and showing the

ill-temper instead. It is no easy thing to transact the business of any single day and to resist steadfastly every temptation to yield to falsehood and dishonor. Yet I am sure that many of my people are doing this very thing, and I am grateful to God that it is so, and I wish that it might be truly said of them all.

Now let me appeal to such of you as are forgetful, that you remember the vows that are on your soul and bend every energy to fulfill them. To the indifferent I would say that it is perilous to be indifferent to your well-being and to the claims of God upon you. To any of you who are living in habitual sin, I give you a warning from God that you turn from it speedily, for He is not pleased with the way you are doing.

Remember that I pray for all of you every day, asking God to forgive your sins, to make you holy and acceptable in his sight, and that you may be kept from the evil that there is in this world. Will you not do something to help answer these prayers?

I trust that I shall receive an answer to this letter not later than next Sunday morning; that I may find it written in your faces as they look up to me from the pews of the church; that I may read in those open letters that you belong wholly to Christ, and that His service is the joy of your life. Hoping for this very thing, I am, with love and every good wish,

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

H. M. NORTH.

The Bishops of the Methodist Church have asked that Sunday May 7th. be observed as Loan Fund Day for the Board of Church Extension. They wish to get contributions throughout the whole connection to be applied to the loan fund for the aiding of needy communities in erecting churches. Dr. W. F. McMurry, who visited us last June, is at the head of this board. He is a Christian statesman of the highest order, and is doing much to extend the kingdom.

Making a Sacrifice to Give

David wished to make an offering to the Lord. A certain man proposed to give him all he needed for the offering without cost, but David refused to take it in that way saying that he would not offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing. So we as Christian people should make costly sacrifices to give to the cause of God. Jesus said that instead of our selling and investing again for us to sell and give alms. He wants us to invest the capital for him as well as just the interest. We are to give to the poor, thereby lending to him. We should give until we miss it and feel it.

We are not to give the refuse, but the best. Not merely the surplus or the amount left over but something out of the main pile. Folks are inclined to spend lavishly until it comes to the cause of God and then they begin to count every penny, and complain and hold back as long as possible. The gift which our Lord gave us was a costly one. He did not offer us the small and the mean, but gave the best he had in the sacrifice of his Son. His was called a precious and an unspeakable gift.

People hold back from giving on account of a lack of faith in God. We must believe in his promises if we are to risk much in his hand. They are afraid that they will lose or suffer before getting more for their own necessities. They say, "We cannot afford to do this." Yet people do afford to lose very heavily sometimes. Take what you lost in the Durham fire two years ago. Those who lost would have been amazed had you asked them to contribute that amount to carry on spiritual work. "We cannot afford it" would have been the cry. Yet they did afford to lose it.

"Hard times" is usually the plea when folks do not want to give. A few years ago when times were good the people were scarcely more liberal than they are now. They were carried away by their prosperity and forgot their obligations to God. And now they complain bitterly when reminded of what they owe him.

We will make costly gifts to the Lord if we love him. A certain woman loved him so much that she invested in a box of costly ointment for his sake. This was a grateful love at having been forgiven. There was no commandment for her to do this, but she did it because she wanted to. So few were putting themselves out to give to him in those days. He healed many but they went their ways without thinking of returning to thank him for his kindness. How fine the act of this woman must have seemed to him; this woman who gave because she loved much. There was still another who made a costly gift. She was a poor widow who put into the treasury all she had, not because it was a commandment but on account of love for the Lord. She would say, "Well, we will get along somehow, and I just feel like I want to do this much, and I wish that it might be a great deal more." You have not given the widow's mite until the last dollar goes. So God wants us to know the joy of giving and to bring our offerings with cheerfulness, learning that it is more blessed to give than to receive. If we really love the kingdom of the Lord Jesus we will find a way to present an offering unto him.

Mothers' Meeting

On the afternoon of April 25 a number of the mothers of the little folks in the Beginner's Department assembled in the Beginner's Room at the invitation of the workers in this department. Many engaged without reserve in discussion of several topics of interest to mothers. Mrs. L. J. Jones led the discussion on "How to Train the Child in Kindness." Mrs. Branson talked on "Self-sacrifice as a Means of Training the Child to be Unselfish." Mrs. R. N. Wilson discussed, "Training the Child in Self-reliance," giving many amusing incidents of how she puts her theory into practice. She would teach him self-reliance, she said, giving him freedom as a boy is taught to swim freely, at the same time being fastened securely by a good strong rope. Mothers will understand the comparison.

Brother North made a very appropriate talk to the mothers dwelling on the co-operation of the home and the Sunday School, the great privilege and responsibility of the mothers in training their children, closing with a beautiful tribute to his own mother.

The program was interspersed with songs rendered by Mrs. Cliff Dixon, Mrs. Card and Mrs. Hamlin, accompanied on the piano by Miss Mary Wilson. A social half-hour followed while refreshments were served. All seemed to feel on separating that it had been good to meet thus together, talking over their various problems. Many left with the suggestion that we meet again.

MRS. FANNIE BIVINS.

Bright Jewels

In making my quarterly report for the Bright Jewels, I think it would not be unwise to give a brief survey of the organization for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the work of our band.

About four years ago, Mrs. J. K. Mason, as Lady manager, deemed it best, as our woman's work was in the transition stage of uniting the Home and Foreign Departments into a *Missionary Society*, that the children also should work under the union by-laws and constitution. So the meeting for the reorganization took place in the Primary room the third Sunday in January, 1912. At that meeting there was an enrollment of fifty-four names. During the year we raised \$ 195.61, that being the largest amount reported in the Conference we, of course received the banner; which is awarded to the band raising the greatest sum of money. From that time the work has been carried on with a great amount of interest and enthusiasm.

It was in 1913, while Mrs. Mason was still Lady Manager that we inaugurated the circle method, which has been most satisfactory. This plan divided the whole organization into six smaller bands or circles, each having its monthly meetings,

collecting its dues, and raising other funds for the mite boxes; it created a spirit of pride which inspired the members of each circle to work with the view of making the best report at the regular meeting of the Bright Jewels, and in that year we raised \$223.31, and kept the banner which we received the year before.

In 1914, although our work moved on rather well, having raised \$185.00, we lost the banner by \$10.00 (ten) to Grace church, Wilmington.

From year to year we have sent our older members to the Young People's Society and revised the roll. We now have an enrollment of eighty names, and twenty-four on the Baby roll. At the last Conference, I was glad to bring the banner back to our band. We had raised \$165.00.

The following is our report for the first quarter, 1916:

Dues	\$ 8.65
Pledge	21.53
Elizabeth Stagg Scholarship	10.00
Baby Roll Fees	1.00
Baby Roll Mite box25
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Amount sent Mrs. Wilson	\$41.43
Number of members	80
Baby roll	24
Number added during quarter	4
Average attendance, per cent	80

MISS EVA CREWS.

On the afternoon of April 30th. the corner stone of Calvary Methodist Church was laid. It is situated on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street, and will take the place of the old Mangum Street Church which has been sold. The pastor, Rev. Costen J. Harrell, conducted the service on the occasion, and the corner stone was laid by Rev. A. McCullen with the assistance of the other ministers present.

Mothers' Day

May is the month of memorials. Possibly it was chosen because for us in the South it is the time of flowers, the days when the roses bloom in such profusion. Sunday, the fourteenth, has been designated as Mothers' Day. Excepting our Lord himself, there is no name which can subdue the souls of men and cause them to reverence and worship like the name of mother.

A mother's triumph is in the glory that comes to her child. Jochebed was the mother of Moses, and she taught him to love and fear the God of his fathers. Hannah was the mother of Samuel. She decided before he was born what sort of a man he should be and gave him thus early to his God. Eunice was the mother of Timothy; she was a woman of faith and wisdom, having before her a Godly mother. Her son was taught carefully in the Scriptures and became a great man. Mary the mother of Jesus gave her life without stint to her wonderful Son.

It is significant that the moulding touch of the mother is the first to rest upon the child, and if she fails to do her part it will be hard to remedy the matter afterwards. How important that she should be strong and loving and wise.

The companionship between a mother and her child is very lovely. She sings to the child and tells him stories; her face is the last he sees before sleeping and the first on waking. They are constantly together during these early years. When the child goes away to school and to play she should be there to meet him when he returns. The mother of Phillips Brooks refused to accept invitations until she had brought up her children, deeming this the most important of her duties.

We love her because she first loved us. We read it in her eyes and felt it in her touch before we understood her speech. For a long time she was as God to us, and we learned our first and best lessons of Him from her. You have read and heard many things since then about these sacred things, but what she taught you in those early days was as true and clear

as any of them. Her love and wisdom combined made her the best possible teacher. The anchorage of a child's soul is his confidence in mother. If mother should prove untrue to him the very foundations of his faith would be destroyed. Whatever others may tell him, he feels that he can always get the truth from his mother.

Mother, you cannot keep your child with you all the time; there is a work for him outside the home. Happy you will be if you can so train him that he will be safe out there, and be able to do his part well. You may not go along with him in bodily presence, but your spirit can go, and your influence will follow him to the end of the earth. It will be small consolation for you to recall in the after years that you did not do your best for him, but yet what a triumph to have him fulfill the best things you taught him.

As we look back to those early associations we may not remember many sayings that mother uttered, but we recall her life. She seems to rise before our gaze a vision of white, a memory of love. We remember her unselfishness and her kindness to all. We recall that her room was a pleasant place to be. There was her table and work box on it, and Bible not far away. You remember that she read from this Book and prayed for you. So today we want to stand before our mothers, if they are living, and before their memory, if they are gone, and pledge ourselves to lives that are holy and undefiled.

The Holy Communion

Jesus put it after this manner, "This do in remembrance of me for as oft as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show forth the Lord's death till He come." We should feel and see Jesus Christ when we take of these elements; we should discern his body and blood. Unlike others, Jesus set up a memorial of Himself. He did this because he claimed to be both Lord and Christ. The ancient feast of the Passover had for generations commemorated the deliverance of Isreal

from bondage; it marked for them a new calendar. The Lord's Supper is commemorative of a greater deliverance, that from sin and death. Christ our Passover was slain for us.

"In remembrance of Me." This means more than to simply keep in mind. We must keep alive our devotion to him; remember him to love and serve him. We are liable to sin deeply if we forget him; we perish if we fail in this, but he that eateth of this bread shall live forever. Again, it is much more than just a human sentiment; we are commanded to keep it. It is not only beautiful, but necessary and binding and imperative. Continually do this in remembrance of what I have done for you. Remember the many sins forgiven in my name; remember your deliverance. It should be a time to humble one's self before Christ, to repent and seek forgiveness. It should be a time also to forgive those who have wronged us. It was in the moment of his death that he said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," and we while remembering his death should let our enmities be reconciled.

Jesus gave but one memorial, and that was of his death. He did not give one of his birth, of his temptation, or of his baptism, or transfiguration, or miracles, or life, or teaching; only of his death did he say, "This do in remembrance of Me." It must then be of supreme importance. He directs attention in those last moments to the broken body and the shed blood; this which was given for the life of the world. Evidently the cross and his death upon it held chief place in his own mind. He would have the church keep his death forever in mind. Any church which is deeply sensitive on this point should never go far wrong.

As oft as you eat and drink you do proclaim or show forth the Lord's death. By this your belief in the atonement of Christ is expressed to an unbelieving world. It should impress men deeply to see the church gather for an occasion of this sort; they will understand that there is a reality in our Gospel. We must be sure that we do this in his remembrance. We must discern him in it all. It must not be a mere custom or

fashion; not for rivalry or form or pride, for then we would not be showing forth his death.

"Till He come." There is danger of forgetting him in the long stretch of years unless we have something of this kind to keep him in our minds. Other affairs may crowd out the thought of Jesus. Celebrating this Supper from time to time opens up frequently the whole story of the redemption of men, and of our own in particular, and we are kept in constant touch with him who saved us. The deadly routine and monotony of life work against us; every thing continuing as it was when we came on the scene. We need to think often of Christ. No fear that Christ has forgotten us, but let us fear greatly lest we forget him. If your son should ask you why this supper is observed on each first Sunday, you should be able to tell him the meaning of it all as a matter of your own heart's experience, and not simply from hear-say; and that son, learning these things shall himself believe, and do this, as oft as he shall partake of it, in remembrance of the One who died for him.

A Paper Read by the Pastor for Memorial Service Easter Sunday, April 23, 1916

From the beginning Memorial Church has been richly blessed by the number of those who have loved it and have given themselves without stint to its service. These men and women have been careful to think for the highest interests of the church, and have put themselves to all manner of pains to see that it never lacked for any good thing. We are the beneficiaries of their gifts and labors, and it is well for us to hold their names in high esteem, speaking often of their devotion and teaching the generation that comes after us the sacred history of our people.

From time to time memorials have been erected within this holy place in honor of those whose works live after them, being presented by those who still live and labor with us. For both of these we have cause to be thankful. Let us to-day

point out one by one these memorials, calling over the names of the givers and of those in whose memory they were placed.

The Washington Duke window on the West side of the church was presented by Messrs. J. B. Duke and B. N. Duke in memory of their father whose name it bears. The Mary Duke Lyon window on the East side is the gift of Mr. E. B. Lyon in remembrance of his mother. The John Wesley window in the front part of the church was given by the congregation, and is the only Wesley memorial window in the M. E. Church, South. Mrs. T. E. Cheek gave the baptismal font in memory of her father, Charles Constant Taylor. The organ and chimes were presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stagg in honor of their mothers. The last gift is that of the hymn boards on either side of the altar. These are given through the choir in loving appreciation of Mr. James Edward Stagg, who with his wife always showed so much interest in the music of the church. In behalf of the congregation I receive these gracious tokens of affection and dedicate them to the high service unto which they are appointed.

So we are bound by ever newer and stronger ties to the church of our fathers and mothers. We must love it and give ourselves to it, for only the unselfish are revered when they are gone.

“Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun—
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling
Only remembered by what we have done.
“Only the truth that in life we have spoken,
Only the seed that on earth we have sown;
These shall pass onward when we are forgotten,
Fruits of the harvest and what we have done.”

The flowers in the church on Easter Sunday were the gift of Mr. J. B. Duke, and they were tastefully arranged by Miss Lillie Jones. Those who attended the services felt a deep satisfaction in the profusion and beauty of the Easter lilies and other potted plants and cut flowers.

Those Who Have Gone from Us

Edwin B. Long died at his father's house on Wilkerson Avenue Thursday night April twenty-seventh, being nineteen years of age. Edwin made his profession of Christianity and joined Memorial Church a few months ago. He had been sick for three years, and bore his sufferings with great patience. He understood well that he must soon go, but his mind was fully made up to it, and he met the crisis as only those who have faith in God can meet it. Without panic and without fear he went forth calmly to meet his Lord. He sent by his pastor a message to the boys and girls urging them to give their hearts to Christ while they are young.

Miss Carrie Burch lost her father, George W. Burch, on the last day of April. He was seventy-six years old, having grown with the town of Durham since it was a village. He also served through the four years of the civil war. The people considered him among our best citizens, seeing in him a fine type of Christian manhood.

The mother of Telfair H. Lawrence died on the tenth of April. She came here many years ago from Chatham County, and was a member of one of the most stable families of the city. She was a Methodist of the old kind; she lived as they lived, and died in triumph even as they die.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Children's Day will probably be observed Sunday, May 21. The programs have already come.

The attendance on the Sunday School has in all likelihood been better this season than ever before. The average has not been much under six hundred. There are still enough men and women who do not attend to make several large classes. These ought to come out of their winter quarters.

The Methodist Church in the South is asked to observe Sunday May 21st. as Bible Society Day. The American Bible Society has done a tremendous work in putting the Bible in the hands of the people of all nations. It is printed in scores of languages, and is furnished at cost to the needy places, and in many instances given without price. Of course this society is not self-sustaining, and for this reason the churches all over Christendom take up collection for its benefit. On account of the great war there is an increased demand for the Scriptures.

The program for the Trinity College Commencement exercises which will take place June 4-7 has been announced as follows:

Sunday, June 4, 8:30 P. M., Baccalaureate Address—Bishop John Carlisle Kilgo, D. D., LL. D.

Tuesday, June 6, 11 A. M., Baccalaureate Sermon—The Reverend James Herman Randall, D. D., New York City.

Tuesday, June 6, 1 P. M., Alumni Dinner; Address—Fred Harper, Esq., Class '91, Lynchburg, Va.

Tuesday, June 6, 8:30 P. M., Graduating Orations.

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 A. M., Commencement Address—The Honorable Joseph Wingate Folk, of Missouri.

The Epworth League Conference convenes at Newbern, June 7-11. The plan of its work has already been issued. The Memorial League should see to it that a large delegation goes to represent our work. The conference looks to our young people for leadership in many things.

Those removed by letter are, Mrs. J. L. Godfrey, Mrs. R. A. Christmas, Mrs. Florence Cole Williams, Mrs. Margaret Hamlet, and J. M. Bennett. By death Edwin B. Long. Mrs. Sarah Coghill, 710 Yancey, was received on profession of faith. The following have come to us by letter, Telfair H. Lawrence, Watts Street, G. F. Harris and Mrs. G. F. Harris, 716 Wilkerson Avenue.

The Hymn Boards, recently given through the choir in memory of Mr. J. E. Stagg, harmonize well with the other furniture of the church, and fill a need which has been long felt. It is already noticeable that the people are finding the songs and Psalms more readily and are taking greater interest in the singing and reading.

The laymen of the Church South will have a great meeting at the Assembly Grounds at Lake Junaluska August 1-6 of this year. Those who have not yet visited this assembly would find much pleasure in doing so. The grounds comprise fourteen hundred acres in the midst of some of the finest mountain scenery in the state, two hundred acres of this being in a lake. Cottages and hotels are being erected, and many people are finding it both good and pleasant to spend the summer there.

Thirty people were present at the April meeting of the Sunday School Council of our church. Supper was served in the basement of the building and it was worth the trip to see Dr. Cranford wait on the table. The Council decided to admit to membership the presidents of the organized classes,

and they will be expected to attend the next meeting which will be on Tuesday night May ninth at seven thirty.

So far this year 464 people have contributed something to the support of Memorial Church through the regular collections. These are to be commended for their attention to this very important matter. There are some hundreds yet who have not given anything. Surely they must not have thought of their duty and privilege to support their church. Let every body try to make the number of givers at least five hundred in the month of May. It is not enough that we should give once or twice, but it should be a regular weekly habit with us.

The Southern Conservatory of Music will begin its closing exercises on Saturday night May sixth, at which time the Junior recital will be given. The Senior Recital will be on Monday night. The Opening Concert will be given on the night of the ninth, and the closing one on the night of the tenth. The graduating exercises will be on Thursday afternoon. The management of the conservatory will be glad for their friends to come and celebrate with them the close of a very prosperous year.

Miss Margaret Scism and Mr. Charlie King were married in Memorial Church at noon on March ninth. Miss Roxie Riley and Mr. Arthur Whitted were married at the home of Mr. Telfair Lawrence on Watts Street.

It has just been announced that Bishop John C. Kilgo will hold the sessions of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences next fall. This means that he will have charge of the Methodist Church in the entire state for one year beginning with the present date. The North Carolina Conference will meet at Memorial Church on the twenty-ninth of November.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

In writing you this month I have especially in mind your Summer time religion. Some people find this an off season in which it is hard for them to keep themselves up to the standard of right living. They let the physical conditions and surroundings get the upper hand of the spiritual, As the great heat comes upon them they are inclined to relax and let things go as they will.

Take for instance the matter of Church attendance. Why should this fall off in the warm weather? You will need the benefits which the Church affords as much then as at any other time, and the brethren will need your help then very much. I notice that those who really want to go are in their places even in the hot summer. Examine yourself and be sure that only one thing will keep you from going, and that will be that you do not care to go. Will you not break all former records by being in your place all through the summer? Then tell me after it is all over if it has not been a delightful season for you.

Possibly you will take a vacation for at least part of the time and go somewhere else for rest and recuperation. This will be good for you provided you make the best use of such a chance. Be sure that you do not leave your religion at home or it may not be there when you return. People are often led to do things when they are abroad which they would not dare do while at home; it is so easy to give up trying and to yield. You may relax on nearly anything else besides religion. Watch closely what sort of company you keep while away,

for at the resorts will be found about the worst kinds. Are you expecting to let people whom you meet know that you are a Christian, or will you try to keep it hid? I shall pray very earnestly that you may not deny your Lord either by following with bad associates or by engaging in sinful practices during all the time. When you return in the Fall will it be with a stronger faith and a cleaner soul? Otherwise the summer will be loss for you, and it would be far better not to go away at all. There will be many chances to show what you are and where you stand before vacation is over; so you will need Divine help, and this can be had by prayer.

Others of you will be at home all the season. There will be just the quiet, regular work as it has been all along. Some of you do not care to go off; others would like to go but on account of too much work, or no means, or sickness, you must remain here. Now I am anxious that in the midst of toil you do not forget to think upon holy things and that you be entirely loyal to Christ. As the plants have their greatest period of growth and fruitage during this season, it seems to me that you should also grow much in the knowledge and love of God and in his service.

Our young people are out of school and will have more of leisure for these three months. I trust that they will not let it all be recreation of body, but that the mind and the spirit have their share. The tendency will of course be towards having a good time merely, but there should be a right division established between work and play.

You will find opportunity to read much this summer. Be careful to select the books which will help you most. Do not content yourself with reading stories; read at least a few books that are not novels; books to stimulate the mind, and that will take some effort to read. And in all your readings be sure that the Book of them all is ever near you, and that it is read frequently, for in it is found not only the way of life, but of Life Everlasting. I very earnestly commend this Book unto you.

Wherever you may be, or whatever you may be doing;

remember that I shall follow you with my interest and prayers, and know too that I shall be deeply hurt and bitterly disappointed to hear that a single one of you has gone wrong during this whole season. As one who must watch over your souls I have a right to expect that you live lives in every particular worthy the followers of Jesus Christ and membership in Memorial Church.

Trusting that the month of June may be rich in all good things for each of you, I am,

Sincerely your friend and Pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

The Use of Time

“Forenoon and afternoon and night. Forenoon
And afternoon and night—Forenoon and what?
The empty song repeats itself. No more?
Yes, that is life: make this forenoon sublime,
This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,
And time is conquered, and thy crown is won.”

—EDWARD SILL.

Names and addresses of the bishops of the M. E. Church,
South:

A. W. Wilson, Baltimore, Md.

E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, Mo.

J. S. Key, Sherman, Tex.

W. A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

H. C. Morrison, Leesburg, Fla.

E. E. Hoss, Muskogee, Okla.

James Atkins, Waynesville, N. C.

Collins Denny, Richmond, Va.

J. C. Kilgo, Charlotte, N. C.

W. B. Murrah, Memphis, Tenn.

W. R. Lambuth, Oakdale, Cal.

R. G. Waterhouse, Los Angeles, Cal.

E. D. Mouzon, Dallas, Tex.

J. H. McCoy, Birmingham, Ala.

Memorial as a Spiritual Type of Church

You will find churches of vastly different types. The commercial, busy about many things, bringing great matters to pass. It is like a vast clearing-house carrying on business interests. The worldly type which seeks for the beautiful and the pleasing alone. The political type which would build up a strong membership just for the sake of having the largest to be had. Then the social type, which looks upon the church as a society or brotherhood rather than as the body of the Lord Jesus of which He is the Head.

But when you take up the Book of Acts you cannot fail to be struck with the spiritual note of the early church. We are impressed that they really made the kingdom first and all else secondary, being deeply spiritual in worship and life. They had recently broken away from much of ceremony and formalism in which there was but little life. Their worship now was simple and sincere. They gathered in groups in the houses of friends or in the groves to read and sing and pray, and to speak of the goodness of God. Here too they would eat of the Lord's Supper. How simple and unaffected were their walk and conversation; very different from the Pharisees preceding them or the pomp and ritual of the Roman Church to follow. On every hand they are speaking of the Holy Ghost, and they ascribe unto him all the glory for the mighty works done by and through themselves. He must fill those who are leaders of the church; He must separate those who were to be ministers and missionaries of the word. It was the day of the Spirit; the church belonged to Him; and the people recognized this, and so every one waited on His guidance.

A deep joy seemed always to possess these early Christians, and they praised God in everything, even afflictions. That which would have made others sad brought a new delight to their hearts.

It is hard to define in so many words what we mean by a spiritual church, yet everyone understands what it is. Go as a stranger into a church of this kind, and immediately you

feel the spell come over you, the influence of the Godly lives of those who dwell and worship there.

Nothing else will draw and hold the people like a spiritual church-membership. It is better than any form of special feature or attraction. Other things may draw for awhile, but they do not hold and they do not save. The Spirit of God manifesting Himself in the lives of men is what will fill the church with worshippers, for if God has actually come down into the lives of the people at this place the folks will come to see and hear about it. Churches are frequently so busy about many things as to loose sight of the larger spiritual values of religion. Memorial will belong to what one of these types? How much are you doing to help make it spiritual?

The Sunday School

Do you suppose we could make the first half hour of the Sunday School a little quieter? Those who have already taken their seats may do much by following closely the superintendent, taking part in all that is done. The late comers can help by being very quiet in the vestibule during prayers, and by walking with a soft step after entering. Every one can help the cause by never standing on the outside of the church after the hour's worship has begun.

The prospect is that our Sunday School will be much better this summer than it was last one. We will be more fully supplied with teachers, and the indications are that the attendance will average a great deal higher. No large boom has occurred in the school, but there has been an excellent growth in nearly every department in a gradual way which gives promise of permanency. "Hands up" all who know this question: "Why do Sunday School folks in the country go into winter quarters, while many of those in town go into summer quarters?" Those sending in correct answers will be allowed to sit on the front seat next Sunday.

It would be very fine indeed if the Sunday School could all assemble in the main room after the recitations have been held, that is all but the tiny little folks. Many of the men and boys go outside and stand on the lawn for the last part of the service. It is not enough that we should have a large attendance, and that all should be marked present; a school to do its best work should stay until the last word has been said. The rest of the school needs the inspiration of the presence of these men. Then too if the men go outside, the boys will be sure to go also. Some one asks if there is room for them. Yes, for the last few Sundays there have been fifty vacant seats in the main room. Come in with us, you men and boys, next time, will you not?

The annual Children's Day was observed at Memorial Church on Sunday morning, May 28. The preaching hour was devoted to these exercises. The program was full of interest to young and old. The children did their part well, as they usually do. The attendance on the occasion was 675. The collection amounted to \$37.00, half of which is applied to the work of the Sunday School in the North Carolina Conference, and the other half to the general Sunday School work throughout the South.

The Daughters of Wesley held their business and social meeting this month at the home of Mrs. C. E. and Mrs. C. H. King.

The class is earnestly seeking for a greater spiritual and outward growth. The two go hand in hand, for there can be no true inward or spiritual growth except through service to others which leads to that larger understanding and sympathy that is outward growth. Neither can there be real service to others unless there is a constant renewing of that divine power in each soul by close touch with the Source of all Power. So the class is trying to meet these two great needs through which alone it may hope to live and grow and accomplish good for themselves and others. The members of

the class have been urged to consider the necessity of earnest prayer—the need of the small, unnamed group in the class to form this close touch so that the spiritual growth of the class will become a great power for good. There have long been efforts to render personal service outside the class itself and so much have these come to mean that recently a committee has been appointed to organize the forces of the class and to decide on some definite phase of social service work for the class that it may render the personal service which is so essential in the larger understanding of all humanity, the keynote to real Progress in all social problems.

Business matters considered pertained to means for raising money for a piano to replace the worn-out organ of the class room. Later a most enjoyable musical program was rendered and delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses. The class will at their next meeting, be the guest of Mrs. Jasper Hamlin, at her home on Trinity Avenue.

A HYMN TO MEMORIZE—NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN IN HYMNAL

Day is dying in the west ;
Heaven is touching earth with rest :
Wait and worship while the night
Sets her evening lamps alight
Through all the sky.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thee ;
Heaven and earth are praising thee,
O Lord most high.

Lord of life, beneath the dome
Of the universe, thy home,
Gather us who seek thy face
To the fold of thy embrace,
For Thou art nigh.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thee ;
Heaven and earth are praising thee,
O Lord most high.

TO THE MEMBERS OF MEMORIAL CHURCH :

The Finance Committee of your Board of Stewards, acting under instructions of the Board, desire to call your attention to the finances of our church. The year is now almost half gone, and our collections are far behind half the sums assessed, in fact we are running behind in our current expenses. Many members have contributed nothing up to this time, many have contributed but little, and just a few have paid in full. This ought not to be. You have been furnished envelopes upon which the amount of your assessment was named. You can refer to these and for every envelope for a Sunday up to this date, that you have on hand, you are just that much behind. Won't you please look up this, and bring with you to Church next Sunday the amount you are in arrears? With our large membership the assessment of each member is small, and your board of stewards feels that each member wants to do his and her part. Our assessment, if all is collected, just covers the budget of expenses for the year, and should any not contribute, a deficit will be created which will have to be paid by others, who have fully met their obligations. We are sure none of you would want this done. Let us all take an active interest in the financial department of our church, contribute weekly, and you will be surprised and gratified at the ease with which our obligations can be met.

We sincerely trust that you will note this appeal, and that every member will bring his assessment up to date next Sunday. The Church needs your help here, and you will not fail.

W. P. HENRY,
Chairman Finance Committee.

N. J. BODDIE,
Treasurer.

The District Conference for the Durham District will convene at Mebane June 21-23, Rev. J. C. Wooten presiding. The delegates from Memorial Church are President W. P. Few, W. P. Henry, Sam Angier, Dr. N. P. Boddie.

The Church

LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH

The people called Methodists need to develop a deeper loyalty to the Church. We do not believe in bigotry. We rejoice in the larger fraternity between the different denominations that characterizes this age, and we should like to see that spirit absolutely dominant. But we have no sympathy with the doctrine that a Methodist should hold other Churches in as high esteem as he does his own. That is a spurious fraternity; and the man who asserts that he loves other Churches as well as he does his own generally does not quite understand himself, or else he does not care much for any of them.—*Raleigh Christian Advocate.*

COMMUNION

The first Sunday of each month should be the greatest of all seasons for us. On that day the Holy Communion is taken, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Turn just now, if you will, to the fourteenth chapter of Saint Mark and read the account there of the Last Supper. Then find I Corinthians, eleventh chapter, and beginning with verse twenty read to the close of the division. This should cause us to search our hearts and repent of every sin and bring us with humble, grateful spirits to bow at the altar next Sunday to partake of the emblems of His broken body and blood which was shed forth. The entire membership is asked to pray earnestly for that hour. They are further requested to memorize the words of hymn 238 in the Hymnal, and to make it their Watch Word for the day.

The Wednesday evening prayer services will be of great benefit to those who have the privilege of attending them during the summer. We should not attend alone for our own pleasure, but it should be a time when we gather to pray very earnestly for the church and those around us. A gathering of this sort is needed to help keep up the spiritual

life of the church. Let those who have dropped back in this matter begin again, and those who do not come at all get in the habit of coming.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 12, 1916.

*To Members of Memorial Church,
Durham, N. C.*

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

The Orphanage Board of Trustees and the North Carolina Conference have authorized me to solicit funds for the erection of a Boys' Building at the Methodist Orphanage. For more than three years we have not been in a position to take any boys into the Institution except as a few have reached the age limit and have gone out from us. The demands for the admission of boys is great and the appeals are pathetic in the extreme. Something must be done to relieve this distressing situation. I must look to our big hearted laymen for the necessary funds with which to put up this building. I now have in good subscriptions and cash some over Five Thousand Dollars. To erect building and equip same I must secure Twelve Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars. The Board will permit me to let contract as soon as I can secure Seventy Five Hundred Dollars. I am very anxious to let the contract as soon as possible so that the building can be erected during the summer and early fall. If you can't send me your check now, may I have your pledge payable the first of next November? Please write me at your earliest convenience that I may depend upon you for a certain definite amount.

May the Father's blessing rest upon you as you minister to these innocent, destitute children who are begging for a place in our Orphanage.

Yours cordially,

A. S. BARNES,
Superintendent.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Lakewood Church paid off all its indebtedness in May, and the building was dedicated on May fourteenth. President Few made the address on the occasion, and the official dedication was by Rev. Costen J. Harrell. The membership has grown rapidly under the pastorate of Rev. D. E. Earnhardt.

The Branson people have secured a parsonage for their pastor, Rev. O. I. Hinson, and the preacher and his family are now occupying it. It is a two-story house on Alston Avenue south of the Railroad. The building has been completely renovated.

Does the *Raleigh Christian Advocate* come to your home? If not, ask your minister to have it sent to you. You are under obligation to surround the children with the best possible influences, and it would be a grave mistake not to have religious literature in your home. They will give their reading time to the secular papers and the light books unless you provide something better for them. It will be well to look after this matter at once.

On account of commencement at Trinity College there will be no services at Memorial Church on Sunday night, June fourth, and on the Wednesday night following. Bishop Kilgo will preach at the college on Sunday night, and our people are invited to worship there. A full announcement of commencement will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The General Conference of the Northern Methodist Church is in session at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. One of the most striking features of the meeting is the strong sentiment in favor of uniting with the Southern Methodist Church. Our Church has been holding herself in readiness for some time for a move of this sort provided they can agree upon the terms of such a union.

Prince Rham Singh, of India, spoke at Memorial on the night of May 24th. He was put out of his caste in India because he professed Christianity. He went to Germany and studied medicine, and at the beginning of the war was forced into military service in the German army. After being wounded twice he was sent aboard the Kron Prinz Wilhelm and came later to Norfolk where the ship was interned. He has been studying at the University of Virginia, and will probably go to Emory in Atlanta in the fall, returning to India when he has finished his course.

The following have been removed by letter: Miss Lillian Gurganous, Miss Blanche Smith, Miss Jimmie Smith, Mrs. Julia Cates, H. H. Ferrell, Mrs. H. H. Ferrell, Julius H. Billings. By death, Dr. J. C. Johnson. Received by letter, Mrs. I. W. Shields and Robert, 614 Rigsbee Avenue.

The Epworth League Conference will be held in Newbern June 7-11. A very attractive program has been arranged for the occasion. Let Memorial League be sure to have a full delegation there. Entertainment will be provided for them after they reach the city.

The congregation rejoices in the recovery of many of our number who have been seriously sick during the last several weeks. Among these are: Mrs. Aubrey Underwood, Mrs. J. M. Wimberly, Miss Ida Thompson, Mrs. A. A. Andrews, Mrs. Clarence Rigsbee, Mrs. Lula Warren.

So many little boys and girls in the homes of our people who have not yet been baptized. Do you parents feel that you have discharged your duty to the child until you have dedicated it in this way to the Lord? You say that you expect to do this some time. Let it be soon. Do not allow them to grow up as heathen children whose parents do not know the Lord. The pastor will be glad to administer this sacrament for you.

You may always find excellent places to invest a little money and receive great returns for it. One of these is for the Boy's Building at the Orphanage at Raleigh. See a letter from the superintendent on another page. Again a contribution for the expenses of the MEMORIAL MESSENGER would be in place. Unless you think to do this the minister will pay this himself, a little matter of three hundred dollars for the year. Once more, the tiny little children want a piano in their Sunday School room, and it will cost one hundred sixty dollars. Mrs. M. W. Brabham, Mrs. W. K. Boyd, Mrs. L. C. Draughan will either one be glad to receive your gift for this purpose.

As to the matter of newcomers to the city and the church. The names of new members are published in the Messenger especially that the old members may know who they are and where they live so that they may visit them. Take the file of this magazine from September down to this month and make a list of those who have come, and get acquainted with them and see that they attend church and Sunday School. Give the pastor information about those who move to your street. Go in and invite them to our services before they have their furniture unpacked. As a new member will you not make yourself one of us both as to duties and the privileges of the Church.

One will say, "I have been a member of the church for a long time and have not had anything to do. I wish that they would give me something to do." The best work you can do is to teach somebody to become a Christian. You will not find the place crowded with workers either. There is no other work that will tell for good so quickly as this. You must feel something of the burden of their sins upon yourself in order to reach them well. Have you ever lead a single person to the Lord Jesus? Make the effort this week and find how happy you will feel over it.

The few minutes while the congregation is gathering should be a period of quiet and solemnity for all who are sitting in the church. It is not a moment to be talking to the neighbors, or to be turning the head to see those who are coming in. It is a time for the worshippers to get their minds composed and drawn away from outside affairs; to utter a secret prayer for blessings upon the service; to find the first hymn and read it over silently. All of which means that we have come to worship instead of merely to see and hear.

Matters financial are on the up grade. During the new conference year 436 persons have contributed to the support of the church. This is a gain of 45 over the number reported in the last issue of the MESSENGER. This is cause for encouragement, but we have not yet reached our goal: "Some offering from every member each week."

Our Dead

Dr. J. C. Johnson died on Saturday night, May 6th, being thirty-six years of age. He was a steward of Memorial Church, and a Christian gentleman of a fine type. He was unassuming and modest in his bearing, soft-spoken and kind. Those who knew him loved him greatly. His only child, a little boy, left us just ten months before the father did. The church and community have sorrowed deeply with the young wife.

Mrs. H. H. King lost her father, Mr. Hood, in May. He had suffered for a long time; bore it all patiently, and went away in quiet triumph to claim his crown.

Joseph Lee Vaughn, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee Vaughn, died at noon on May 27th. He had been with us only five days, just long enough to be loved. Having delivered his brief message he hurried back to be with his Heavenly Father.

Children's Page

Here are some passages in the Bible for you to memorize; get father and mother to help you find them.

The twenty-third Psalm.

The Ten Commandments in Exodus the 20th Chapter.

The Beattitudes in Matthew 5th Chapter, verses 1-12.

The Chapter on Charity, or love, I Corinthians 13.

What were flowers made for? Have you some growing at your home? How would it do to take a few to the old man or to the old woman who lives not far from your house? Take them to the sick child and to those who are in trouble. If you should go over to the hospital some time be sure to carry them there too. They are God's little messengers to folks who are tired and sick. The little flower-faces will look into the eyes of those who are in trouble and say to them, "Be of good cheer, your Heavenly Father knows all about it and He will help you."

If any boy or girl who reads this page has not yet given the life to Jesus, will you not do it soon? Speak to your parents or teacher or pastor, and any of them will be glad to explain the way to you, and tell you what to do. It is best not to wait until you get too old, for it is hard for old folks to become Christians. Their hearts get hard and filled up with a lot of other things. But your hearts are young and fresh and tender and it will be easier for you to begin the Christian life now. Remember what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, "What ought I to do for Him." Since He died for you, ought you not to live for Him? "Yes, but when shall I begin?" Today would be a good time.

Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at eight.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at eight.

Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at four.

Young Peoples' Mission Society, June fourth and eighteenth, at three.

Meeting of the Board of Stewards Tuesday night, June thirteenth.

Meeting of Woman's Mission Society Monday afternoon, the fifth, at three-thirty.

Meeting of Sunday School Council Monday night, the twelfth. Supper in basement.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon, the twenty-fifth, at three.

Prayer services held by the Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second; at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Gurfley, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these meetings is three o'clock.

The program for the Trinity College Commencement exercises which will take place June 4-7 has been announced as follows:

Sunday, June 4, 8:30 P. M., Baccalaureate Address—Bishop John Carlisle Kilgo, D. D., LL. D.

Tuesday, June 6., 11 A. M., Baccalaureate Sermon—The Reverend James Herman Randall, D. D., New York City.

Tuesday, June 6, 1 P. M., Alumni Dinner; Address—Fred Harper, Esq., Class '91, Lynchburg, Va.

Tuesday, June 6, 8:30 P. M., Graduating Orations.

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 A. M., Commencement Address—The Honorable Joseph Wingate Folk, of Missouri.

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Monthly Letter of the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

The followers of Jesus were to bear testimony of what the Lord had done for them, and of what he would do for all who put their confidence in him. So with this thought in mind it is my purpose to tell why I am a Christian, and in doing this maybe I shall give something of your own experience, and make it fresh and new in your souls. And besides I trust that by this simple word of testimony somebody may be induced to try the Christian life for himself.

Born in a Christian home I was led by the example and teaching of parents and others to give my heart very early to the Christ. I am deeply grateful that my early life fell in a Christian home. Everything seemed to work together to bring me to the Lord. Home and the church were the most prominent things set before my child mind. I am very thankful that God found me when I was quite young and took hold upon me and has never given me up, not even when I have sinned.

I was moved by a deep feeling that I ought to do this because of what he had done for me, and the commandments he had given regarding my life. How do you explain that feeling of "ought" and of obligation? It gets hold upon our souls very early and is hard to shake off. In fact there is little peace for us until we have done our utmost to meet the obligation. Something within us keeps saying that we ought to give ourselves to God. It was this impression that staid with me until I yielded.

Besides this I was moved by a sense of fear on the one

side and of gratitude and love on the other. I had been taught that there was both a hell and a heaven; a Satan and God, and I believed these things even as I do yet. I wish to shun the evil. I wanted my sins forgiven me and to be at peace with the God who made me and must in the end judge me. I had been taught too that all good things came from God, and it seemed to me that I should have been guilty of base ingratitude had I not given myself in turn into his hands. I wanted to make sure of the promises that I had heard of his blessings and favour. In these childhood days there was formed in my heart a desire to gain the heaven of the righteous.

Jesus is now and has been a personal Saviour to me. I mean by this expression that He, the Great Being, saves me as an individual. Not just one of a crowd. He is my Redeemer, my Leader, my God; I worship him and serve him, feeling that I know him as a friend knows a friend, and that he speaks to me some times when he brings answers to prayer.

The consciousness that he is my Saviour makes me want to please him. So I leave off the evil habit, and as far as I can I do the good work, and try earnestly to be loyal to him. That is the only explanation I would give for not doing certain things which would naturally draw me. He would not like it; and I should rather have his approval than all the pleasure or gain that might arise from the other.

I am sure that all along he must have considered me among the least of his followers, but still he would never cast me off. Over and over he has had to forgive me and to set me on my feet again. I wonder at his goodness and his marvelous love and his forbearance. He loved me evidently for his own Name's sake, and for this reason he has shown me kindness unspeakable through all the years.

There have been four times of great crises in my history. On each of these occasions I stood where the road divided in front of my feet, and before God I did not know where to go. I refused to trust my sight for guidance in such trying hours. So I closed my eyes and bade the Lord Jesus lead me, and this he did. Some times by a way that I had never known, nor

could I tell just why he was leading me that way then. Still when opening my eyes after each of these experiences I found myself on higher ground where the light was brighter, and this Christ had revealed himself more clearly as my Saviour. He knew well what he was doing all the time and why it should be so, and I seem to understand now that he did all things well. Among other lessons, I have learned not to boast of my own attainments and apparent worth, for these things are at best very small; they are as filthy rags. But my boast is in him who saves to the uttermost.

So I continue in his service because he keeps me every day. I am conscious of forgiveness and peace and of being encircled by his love. I love him because he first loved me. My love was slow in waking up, but having once been kindled it must never cease towards him. I have no desire to leave his service, for to me it is better than all else, even than life itself, I trust. As I grow older he appears nearer than he used to be. I am sorry for all who say that they once knew him and felt him near in childhood while he is far from them now. They would have been well acquainted with him by this time if they had followed on to know him. It must be deplorable for one to grow older and gradually grow away from the Christ instead of closer to him. How desolate an old age must be if Christ is not in it.

I will tell this secret also. He is my hope for the great future. I am sure of a greater destiny with him as my Leader than could ever be mine through any other course. It is written that eye hath not seen and ear hath not heard what God has prepared for them that love him. Many rich and precious promises lie out there to be fulfilled. So I want to give him supreme place in the future of my life and should not care to go into the future without him. Nothing can take the place of Christ in the life.

In my better moments I feel that I would be willing to suffer the loss of all things for him; that I might fully win his favour and enter into a better fellowship with Him, being found acceptable in his sight. I wish very much that the

world might taste and see the riches of his grace, and they too would know the worth and the power of a Christian life.

Now wishing for each of you a Christian experience which will satisfy you in all the relations of life, I am, with sincere good will and love, your friend and pastor.

HARRY M. NORTH.

The Nation's Birthday

As we come again to celebrate the birthday of our country it will be well for us to consider some of the elements which make a people great, and what it means to be truly patriotic.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." So wrote Solomon in his wisdom. He had ample opportunity to judge of this saying. During his father's reign the nation had gone to the very highest seat because it feared God and did right. His own reign was glorious too as long as he was true to the Lord.

Moral elements are the ones which contribute strength to the United States. We are great to the extent that we are righteous, and nothing beyond that. Just men and Christian institutions are the strongholds of our life. Homes and schools fashioned upon Christian principles; that part of the public press dedicated to the service of men; courts of justice, houses of benevolence, hospitals, orphanages, a government in which the soul has had a part as well as the head and hand, and above everything else the Church of Christ which has made these others possible, such are the things that have made our people strong.

These forces furthermore are constructive, they build up, they exalt. It is not enough to have extensive commerce; it must be operated on right principles. Art must be righteous as well as being perfect in its technique. A corrupt picture may come from a master hand, and a bad play be perfectly rendered. Who has not read a book written in the most elegant style yet setting forth the most contemptible teachings. It is very important that righteousness keep pace with advancement every-

where. Mere material gain does not make us a great people. Our modern improvements will curse us unless they are used by people bent upon doing good.

But sin is a reproach to any people. Nothing besides sin need cause us shame. Poverty, ignorance and suffering may not be so bad if they are not caused by evil doing. Sin may do big things and bring a sort of fame with it but it will not exalt us. It will not give Milwaukee any pleasure later on to recall that the city was made famous by an infamous thing. Nevada has become a by-word amongst the States because of the lax divorce laws. How many apologies her citizens will have to make on account of such folly. South Carolina does not receive any glory from the fame of her former governor. England would give much if certain pages might be torn from her history, and Germany will surely weep over some of her deeds in recent months.

We may well be thankful that we have had so few national evils to bring shame upon us; yet even one should be too many for us. Our national conscience seems more sensitive than formerly. Our government appears bent to set things right between all classes of men, and to see that all have a fair show. Gigantic evils are not allowed to have their own way as they once had it; bad men in high places are not greatly honored now; the people have but little patience with them. They call for righteous men in office. Public criticism and the law are working speedily these days. The national mind has been much purified during the last two years as we have considered the European war and our attitude toward it. We are more than ever determined to be in practice what we have always been in theory, a God-fearing people. We do not want to become vile in our own eyes.

As a nation it will be with infinite satisfaction that we look back upon the noble deeds of our history, and remember that we lived for God and humanity rather than for self. We shall be glad that we sent back the indemnity money to China after the Boxer uprising; that we did not use Cuba for ourselves, and that we gave a larger liberty to the islands of the Pacific.

It will seem good to us that we did not take a selfish advantage of the Mexican situation; that we remembered our agreement regarding Panama, and held that a scrap of paper was to us as the very law of God. If we make such actions as these the rule of our life it will not be strange that other nations will consider this as the highest example of just government which God has ever set upon the earth.

Love for our native land does not fulfill itself in shouting for it and forever protesting that we are the best of them all, nor does it lie altogether in our willingness to die for it. Comparatively few in most of the generations are called upon to die for their land, and it is not enough to hold ourselves in readiness for such an event. It is harder and vastly more important that we should live very earnestly for it. How better can we serve our country than to perform well the daily tasks of our calling, lifting up lofty standards of personal and community righteousness, and setting forth models of excellency of attainment? Love for the country is seen where father and mother rule well the household and rear children who represent the highest kind of citizenship; where painstaking teachers fashion for good the young lives under their care; where trade is conducted upon right principles, and men live in contentment and peace with each other. Our Fatherland is deeply concerned to know how we are living our lives.

An Experience of a Christian Worker in China

At Hangchow, the Confucian owners of the modern theater canceled a scheduled entertainment, and gave Mr. Eddy the use of the theater free of charge. The governor granted a holiday that the students might attend, which they did. The theater was filled on two successive days, and about a thousand men signed cards promising to study the life of Christ and follow Him so far as they were convinced that his claims were just. The governor invited the visitors to a banquet. Here was enacted a scene like those described in the "Acts of the Apostles":

"For an hour we presented Jesus Christ to that governor and his secretary, Mr. S. T. Wen. Finally, I said to the secretary, as I took out my Testament: 'Mr. Wen, when the eunuch had heard the gospel that Philip preached to him, he said:

" 'What doth hinder me to be baptized?' What hinders you from becoming a Christian here and now?' Mr. Wen replied:

" 'Mr. Eddy, some day I will; but now it would complicate my official position. Some day I will retire from political life and go into private life and become a Christian.'

" 'Why not do it now?' I urged. 'We need Christian leaders now. Will you not do it now?'

" 'He answered: 'I will.' And we shook hands. Then I said: 'Mr. Wen, when will you do it?'

" 'Next Sunday,' he replied. At first he asked for private baptism, but I said: 'Let us be plain; we must be courageous, and work for the glory of Jesus Christ. Will you go down to the little church and be baptized in public?'

" 'I will,' he said. The following day this fearless man took the chair at the meeting and stated publicly that he had decided to become a Christian. Even the non-Christian students broke into applause. The next Sunday he went down and gave his testimony before the people in the little church. He said: 'I may lose my official position, but I take my stand today once for all for Jesus Christ.' . . . He immediately started Bible classes among his household servants and officials; and on the last day of meetings in China, when illness prevented me from conducting the meetings as scheduled, Mr. Wen came down and carried them on with Mr. C. T. Wang."

The Call of God

The Lord manifests himself to people when they are in the quiet discharge of their duties. Here he finds those whom he calls to high spiritual service. Gideon was threshing wheat when the call came to him to deliver the Isrealites from Midian, their enemy. Moses was keeping sheep at the time of the

vision at the burning bush. David was a shepherd also, and was out in the fields with the flock when Samuel came to anoint him as king over Isreal. Amos was a herdsman, and God found him on the plains and sent him to another country to be his prophet. Zacharias was working at his regular course in the temple on the day the angel appeared to tell him of the birth of John the Baptist. The Virgin Mary was busy with her household tasks and was told that the Child Jesus should be born unto her. The Lord found Matthew working at his trade in the city, and other disciples handling their nets on the sea, and called them from these humble tasks to be his apostles. The Lord is looking for serious, industrious people to speak to them. The frivolous and idle are not in a condition to receive a revelation or a call from him. Suppose he should come seeking for you, what chance would he have of finding you well-employed and in a proper attitude for hearing and obeying his word?

Honors to Our Young People

THE MESSENGER rejoices in the success gained by our young people in school during the past year. Edwin Jones and Misses Louise Crumpacker and Lilly Nelson Mason finished the Durham High School and are ready for college. Miss Tempe Boddie graduated from the State Normal, and Miss Mattie Toms from Randolph-Macon. Miss Laura Mac Bivins finished at Trinity. It is worthy of all praise that she attended college four years without missing a day or a recitation. Beverly Snow also graduated from Trinity and went immediately for West Point where he entered for several years of training. Quite a number of others are in college or high school either in Durham or elsewhere who have not yet completed their course. In the Southern Conservatory of Music prizes were won by Evelyn Knight, Louise Mason, Margaret Ballentine and Miss Zalene Allen. There were doubtless other distinctions won which are not known to the editor. If anybody can do it you can depend upon our young folks to do it.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Cunningham had their two sons, James Edwin and Robert Henry, baptized during the Children's Day service on May 28. On the same occasion Bertha Moriah, the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. F. S. Aldridge, was baptized, and also Clifford Lyon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Dixon. Sidney Whitfield Minor was baptized at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Minor, on June 4.

Mr. B. N. Duke has established a lectureship in memory of John M. Flowers who died a short time after finishing college. The lectureship will be at Trinity and will be on the subject of Christian Citizenship. Mr. Flowers was among the most brilliant of the younger generation of Trinity men, and those who remember him will think that this gift has been well placed.

The Epworth League is holding its services at seven o'clock on Sunday evenings during the summer. All of the young people of the church and community are invited to attend these meetings one hour before the night sermon. Marion Smith Lewis and Miss Mildred Stallings represented the Memorial League at the recent conference held at Newbern.

July 14-22 will be the time when the Sunday School workers will gather at Lake Junaluska, the Methodist Assembly grounds near Waynesville, N. C. If you are thinking of taking a trip to the western part of the State in the summer it will be well worth your while to visit this beautiful resort. Mr. M. W. Brabham, at Trinity College, will be glad to give any information regarding the meeting there. Other interests of the church will be considered later in the season.

The following young women were consecrated deaconesses of the Methodist Church, South, in Atlanta, in April: Mrs.

Seldon Bryan, Kingstree, S. C.; Miss Jennie Harvey, Kansas City; Miss Della Pearson, Richland, Ga.; Miss Mary Schleyer, Circleville, Ohio; Miss Mattie Wilkie, St. Louis; Miss Ada Wilkinson, Dallas, Texas. Why do not some of our girls take training in the work of deaconess? The pastor will give information concerning school and course.

The call for troops to go to the Mexican border takes one of the trustees of Memorial Church, Mr. S. W. Minor. His rank is lieutenant-colonel. Mr. Tom Boddie has also volunteered to go. Rev. A. McCullen, pastor of Trinity Church, is a chaplain of the third North Carolina regiment. These brethren and all those who go with them should be followed by the prayers of the church.

Those members of the Daughters of Wesley who lost in the recent membership contest entertained the class at a supper at Lakewood Park on the night of June 16. Many were present regardless of the heavy showers. Several members of the class were tried by a mock court and without exception were found guilty; in fact there was never a chance for any of them to escape from the first.

THE MESSENGER was in error about the amount of collection raised on Children's Day. A sum raised for another purpose had not been deducted when the report was made. The check forwarded to the treasurer was \$28.51. This is not quite as much as was raised last year.

Miss Mary Lyon, a member of this church, lost her sister, Mrs. Sam Thompson, in the month of June. She was a member of Duke's Chapel, and was a Christian woman of the very finest type. A large family connection have been deeply affected by her going.

Jonathan Peele, brother of Rev. W. W. Peele, died at his home near Gibson last month. He had been a patient sufferer

for several years but had realized for a long while that the odds were against him. He graduated from Trinity and practiced law in Scotland County. His father had died a few months before.

The Communion Table will be spread at both the morning and evening services next Sunday so that the entire congregation may have the advantages afforded by it. Members should examine their hearts and see that all malice and envy and uncleanness are put out of them, and be sure that they are in love and charity with all men. It should be a time of consecration and devotion on the part of every one of us. Turn to First Corinthians, 11th chapter and 23d verse, and read to the end of the chapter.

Do not let the matter of your church attendance grow slack and fall off during the summer. You do not allow the heat or the rain to keep you from work or play, why then should it hinder your worshipping? Always remember that with a very few exceptions you go where you want to go against all hindrances. The soul needs food in the summer as well as in the winter. Satan does not let up in his temptations because the weather is warm.

“Sin works; let me work too;
Sin undoes; let me do.
Busy as sin my work I ply
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.”

The people of Dukes Chapel are determined to have them a new church. On the third Sunday of June the pastor and presiding elder took up a collection to test the sentiment for a new building, and fifteen hundred dollars was raised in a short while. Other subscriptions have been secured since, bringing the amount up to about two thousand dollars. The church will probably cost nearly four thousand.

Let all our folks read the Book of Acts during the month of July. There is nearly one chapter a day. It will be of great benefit to find how the early Christians conducted themselves.

Mrs. Jessie Dixon's Sunday School class had supper at Lakewood on the night of June 22. The ladies were allowed to bring their husbands and friends. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Mrs. Knapp, the aged mother of Mrs. A. M. Gates, died near Trinity Park at noon on Sunday, June 25th. She was a saint of God, and passed away even as she had lived with a quiet steadfast trust in Christ.

Mr. North's big tent will be pitched at Helena on or about the seventeenth of July. This will be to accommodate the churches on the circuit served by Rev. J. J. Boone. These churches are Zion, Helena and Mt. Tirzah. The tent will hold more than a thousand people, is well seated and lighted, and should draw a large attendance for the two weeks or more. The services will be likely be held late in the afternoon and at night.

The annual basket picnic for Memorial Sunday School was held at Lakewood Park on Wednesday, June 28. Dinner was served for the crowd at one o'clock. Everybody was young for that day at least, and there was enough to eat and to spare. The attractions at the park were at the disposal of the young people during the day. It would be well if the church and the school could get together frequently in a way of this sort.

The District Conference was held at Mebane June 21-23. Rev. J. C. Wooten presided for the most of the time. Bishop Kilgo came on Thursday afternoon and remained until adjournment Friday, and preached the closing sermon. Those

representing Memorial Church besides the pastor were: W. P. Few, W. P. Henry, M. W. Brabham, F. S. Aldridge, and R. L. Flowers. Mr. C. C. Alexander, a member of Memorial, was licensed to preach, and another of our young men, Edward W. Glass, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and Prof. F. S. Aldridge for elder's orders.

In the absence of Rev. A. McCullen, pastor of Trinity Church, Rev. Costen J. Harrell will have charge of Trinity congregation. The Mangum Street people are out of a house for a while but will soon be in their new building. Mr. Harrell still retains his pastorate of Calvary Church.

Learn these lines by heart and say them over many times to yourself:

“If your life you'd keep from strife,
These things observe with care:
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how, and when and where.

“If your ears you'd keep from jeers,
Five things keep meekly hid:
Myself, and I, and mine and my,
And what I do or did.”

Financial Matters

Since the last report fifty additional members have contributed something to the support of the church. This brings the number to 486 which have given to the cause this year. There are still many more who have paid nothing into the Lord's treasury. They will surely understand that it is not only their privilege to help in this cause but their duty as well. Should not everybody give something, and put it into the plate each Sunday? You would not care for another person to do this for you.

Changes During Month of June

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Farr have come to us from Washington City, and are at home at 902 West Chapel Hill Street. Mr. Farr is associated in business with the National Biscuit Company.

These have removed by letter: Miss Maude Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harris, Mrs. C. A. Peed, J. J. Carden, Hughes Britt, H. L. Hoffman.

Mr. James A. Gainey and Miss Mary Petty were married at the parsonage on June thirteenth. Miss Petty is a member of Memorial Sunday School.

Mr. Arthur A. McDonald and Miss Mary Reade were married at the bride's home on Lamond Avenue on June 14 at nine o'clock. It is to be regretted that Miss Reade is leaving Durham.

On Wednesday night, the twenty-eighth of June, Miss Annie Turner was married to Dr. E. W. Knight. Both of these young people are well known in Durham and will carry with them the good wishes of all our people.

At the parsonage on the twenty-sixth of June at five o'clock Frank W. White and Miss Estelle Cheek were united in matrimony. By this union East Main Street and West Main Street have been brought together.

Children's Page

Do you boys and girls help father and mother with the work around the house? They are getting old now, and you should do all in your power to make things lighter for them. See if you cannot iron out the wrinkles in mother's face by looking after the baby while she takes a nap or goes out for a walk. Then there are errands to run, yards to sweep, the garden to hoe, and stove wood to bring in. No one else in the world can do these things quite so well as young folks. It just suits them, and is better for the muscle and the health than even a play-ground. Ask father and mother to let you do these jobs for them this summer and do not allow them to pay you for them. You do not need any pay for they have already paid you enough. On the other hand you owe them a great deal for all they have done for you.

How good it is to see a polite boy. He speaks courteously to those whom he meets and lifts his hat to the old men and to the women. He will be kind to old men who are poor and badly dressed, who stumble along when they walk and mumble their words when they speak. Instead of laughing when some one else gets hurt he runs to help them to their feet again, and he will keep strong folks from hurting weak ones if he can. In the home he will be kind to little sister, for politeness is just kindness done in the nicest possible manner. He will pick up things which others have dropped and see that father and mother have the best chairs.

Is it right to play marbles for keeps? How much did you pay for the one you got from the other boy? Did the boy want you to have it, and what did he get for it? If he wanted you to have it, why did he not give it to you at first? You did not find the marble; it was not given to you, and you did not buy it. What do you think of keeping for good a marble or any thing else which was gotten this way? Ask your father what he thinks about it.

Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at eight.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at eight.

Epworth League each Sunday evening at seven.

Young Peoples' Mission Society, July second and sixteenth at three.

Meeting of the Board of Stewards Tuesday night, July eleventh.

Meeting of Woman's Mission Society Monday afternoon, the third, at three-thirty.

Meeting of Sunday School Council Tuesday night, the fourth. Supper in basement.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon, the twenty-third, at three.

Prayer services held by the Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second, at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Gurley, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these meetings is three o'clock.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

There is no other month in the calendar like this glorious month of August. In March the land was prepared ; in April the corn was planted ; in June and July it grew to its height and brought forth the ears, but now in August the ears are to be filled out, to be ripened later on in September. This long month lies before us like a dazzling sun-lit kingdom. Its great, yellow, hot days are absolutely necessary for the making of the crop. The earth receives the mighty heat and brings forth silently but surely the mature grain. The growth is not measured so rapidly as during the three months just passed but it counts for even more.

Now is there not a season in our religious life which may be likened to this greatest of all the summer months? A time comes for us of less apparent growth but of intenser inner spiritual development. It is a period when the soul is widened and filled out and makes sure the promises of the days that lie behind it. It is now that we grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. Our love for Him and for all men broadens and deepens ; our hope in eternal things is confirmed ; our faith in the sure things of God has completed its experiments and comes to its deep assurance and certainty in a time like this. We find ourselves more patient under trial, stronger before temptations, conforming more fully to the Divine will, penetrating farther into the secret things of the kingdom.

Yet people dread the month of August. And why? It is

because it is long and hot and comes at the fag end of summer after folks are jaded with the toil of seven months and more. In our spiritual lives too we draw back from the trying August season. We dread the severe trials of our faith lest we do not come through them unharmed. We recoil from fierce temptations that put the soul to the utmost test, and from the losses and hardships which prove the fiber of our natures. The hearts of people grow weary at the prospect of it all and many faint and fall under the stress of this fiery ordeal. There are scores of prostrations on the part of Christians on account of the intense heat of the days.

But I am praying that you, my people, may not faint because of any experience that may come. There is much in these times to distract the soul. Men in high places are falling into sin; calamity follows calamity; floods sweep away the support of the people; wars rage unceasingly; the world stands aghast; one scarcely dares to prophesy what a day may bring forth. In the midst of it all you and I must stand in our place, true to the Gospel of Christ, growing up into Him, who is our living head, unto the perfect day.

August is long, you say? It will pass all too quickly for some of you, and the gathering time of September and October will be here. Grow while you can; mature while you can, while God is good and waits on us and sends his sun upon the good and the evil. Again let me say to you, the members of Memorial Church, I am praying that your faith fail not. Are you praying for me?

With charity for all and malice towards none, I am, your friend and pastor,

H. M. NORTH.

Daughters of Wesley

Mrs. W. P. Clements entertained the Daughters of Wesley at her attractive country home on Monday, the third of July. The afternoon rain made the evening delightfully cool for the hay ride by automobile truck. Notwithstanding the fact that a most charming hostess was waiting to receive the class, the ride was all too short, and as money seemed circulating very freely that night, the motion was almost carried to entreat the driver to go on further. However, there were no regrets once they were inside and welcomed by the hostess, and served with delightful punch.

The president, Mrs. Underwood, opened the meeting as usual and among other business matters, the secretary-treasurer, Miss Bettie Fowler, reported that the treasury was in excellent condition as a result of the recent semi-annual pledges. It was decided also to give the money recently raised for a class room piano to the Methodist Orphanage. This being a class of women, it was thought advisable that the orphan selected be a boy. A \$5.00 contribution was voted toward buying the two vases that Mrs. Venable is interested in getting for the church.

The suggestion was made that the entire class go to Raleigh by automobile truck to visit the orphanage and see for themselves the splendid work that is being done there. This move seemed to find much favor with the class although no definite plans were made.

After a great deal of business was concluded and the usual good natured scolding administered by the teacher for the short-comings of the class which "doesn't study its Sunday school lesson and which doesn't always do the other things it should," Mrs. Clements, assisted by the Misses Erhardt, served delicious cream and cake.

The class was very much pleased to have Miss North with them although it was decided that she was no longer a visitor but one of the class.

The blackness of a sudden cloud, hurried the guests off home after a most pleasant and profitable evening.

MISS MABEL MOORE, *Class Reporter*.

To the Old People

You were once active and could go and come at will, but now it is different. Age and sickness and loss of vitality are holding you pretty close to the home these days. You wonder some times what you can do to show your good will and loyalty to the church and the Christ, and you wish that you might go forth again to serve in these matters. Still there is a noble service which you can render? First there is the chance of living a patient, Godly life before the children and grand-children in the home. They have grown so used to your being good and faithful that they may not always express their appreciation of it, but they would be deeply grieved to find you anything else besides good and true. As your character is ripening, its influence is constantly going out to others and they are blessed by it. Your advice and counsel is worth much, far more than that of most younger people, for you offer not only theory but the thing itself as it has been worked out through many years.

Above all else the gift which you can make is your prayers. How much the working force of the church is in need of somebody to pray for them. Lift up the preacher and the officials and the membership on your prayers and faith to God each day, and it will make a great difference with some of us. Suppose too you take those who are living in sin and pray for them until they are converted. Then the children of the city need prayers very much. Possibly your prayers would save scores of them from evil lives. Would this not be a thing worth living for? No one so old and decrepit, none so completely shut in from the busy world but he can pray. The heavens above the head and the heart are forever open, and all of us may look up and speak to the Father. There is still so much which we all can do.

Take this paragraph concerning an old man who is growing old beautifully. His name is Abram Weaver, his home is in Texas, and he is ninety-three years of age. He wrote a letter here recently saying that he entered Trinity Collge in

1851, sixty-five years ago. He is the oldest living student of the college. Read these lines from his letter: "The world moves. The trend is onward and upward. The better things succeed. Weakness yields to strength. Ignorance gives way to wisdom. Light succeeds darkness. Each revolution of the wheel of time lifts the world to a higher and a brighter destiny." Is that not a beautiful benediction for a man ninety-three years old to leave to those coming after him?

Report of the Gleaners for June and July

The Gleaners of Memorial Church, taught by Mrs. J. H. Dickson, met in the regular business meeting with Mrs. Tom Harris June 15th. The business of the class was transacted, and fifteen dollars given to the boys' building at the Orphanage in Raleigh. Ten dollars had already been contributed to this cause. Refreshments were served by the hostess, after which the meeting adjourned, the next session to be held with Mrs. J. J. Duke in July.

So according to appointment the class met with Mrs. Duke on July 13th. At this time the date of holding the meeting was changed to the first Thursday instead of the second Thursday in each month. The hostess presented each guest with a card tied with the class colors, green and white, on which were the class name, the teacher's name, and the class benediction. After refreshments the class adjourned to meet on August 3d at the home of Mrs. Paul Ellis.

MRS. D. E. MCCOY, *Class Reporter*.

Oliver Wendell Holmes on Church Attendance

Gladstone's rule, even in his older years was that of a "twicer," as he termed it, at public worship. Church-going, he said, was not a matter of fancy for a Christian; it is his duty for the work's sake. No public spirited disciple had a moral right to be absent except for a good cause, he often asserted, from public worship. I am a regular church-goer.

I should go for various reasons if I did not love it, but I am fortunate enough to find great pleasure in the midst of devout multitudes, whether I can accept all their creeds or not. For I find that there is in the corner of my heart a little plant called Reverence, which wants to be watered about once a week.

James Edward Stagg

(From Proceedings of Board of Trustees of Trinity College.)

For a place in our permanent records and to send to Mrs. Stagg along with our tenderest sympathy, the Board of Trustees of Trinity College wishes to set down some estimate and appreciation of Mr. James Edward Stagg, who has died during the present year. Mr. Stagg became a member of the Board in 1907, but long before that time he had through business associations and personal ties become closely identified with the college. He brought to his service on our Board high business ability and standing, wide acquaintance with business and public men, skill and caution in dealing with men and affairs, and unquestioned devotion to the college and all good causes.

The Stagg Pavillion on our campus, the gift of himself and Mrs. Stagg, will remain as a constant and beautiful reminder to present and future generations of his concern for Trinity College and of his interest in the permanent good of his fellow-men, which was manifested in so many ways and which now becomes a most precious heritage of the College and of his surviving family.

Why I Am a Methodist

The *Nashville Christian Advocate* recently offered prizes for the best articles on the doctrines of the church. The one given just below is well worth your reading:

WHY I AM A METHODIST—PRIZE ARTICLE.

BY REV. C. L. BROWNING.

1. Environment trained me for Methodism. My father and

my mother were both Methodists. My grandparents on both sides were Methodists, and my early religious associates were Methodists. The Methodist preachers visited in our homes. I attended the services of the Methodist Church and read Methodist literature. The hand of Methodism was upon me from infancy to the years of accountability. The Church, the Sunday school, the visits and prayers of the pastor, the books and papers that I read—all these combined into a cord which had a mighty pull for Methodism. From the standpoint of training it would have been hard for me to be anything else.

2. Investigation confirmed the message of environment. I worked the problem out for myself. The time came when I could no longer be a Methodist by inheritance alone. My own mind and heart must examine and pass upon each item of Methodist faith and polity. The investigation was made and the decision of boyhood confirmed.

(1) The doctrine suited me. The Bible was to be the only rule of faith and practice. Man was fallen, depraved, lost. Salvation was offered to every man through faith in Jesus Christ. Man's moral freedom was an element in the plan, both in his choice and in his perseverance in the means of grace. Regeneration was the cardinal doctrine of Christian life and service, could be sought according to plain instructions, and known as a definite experience. Sin was without excuse, since the blood of Christ was able to cleanse both from the guilt and the power of sin. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was the only baptism. The use of water was only a symbol and not an end in itself and, though the mode should be definitely known, is not an essential.

(2) The polity of Methodism, though not claiming to be apostolic, seemed to be apostolic in spirit, if not in form. Christ's plan was world-wide and designated "every creature," and the polity of Methodism was inspired by the great commission of the Master, and the plan adopted (the itinerant Methodist system) seemed best adapted to the end in view. It provided a preacher for every Church and a Church for every preacher; and listening to the call of the Lord for

laborers in his vineyard, it would follow his pillar of cloud and fire to the end of the earth.

(3) The spirit of Methodism, while evangelistic and loyal to the Master, is liberal and fraternal. While attempting to carry out the commission of Christ, it holds out a brotherly hand to any who may be casting out devils in his name. It insists upon essentials; it builds upon fundamentals. Thus it offers a reasonable platform for the union of Christendom. Any good man can be a Methodist, just as any good man can be a Christian.

MILFORD, TEX.

Love Answers All Things

There was a poor Highland woman who could neither read nor write, but could observe how the frail petals of the flax or lint bell unfolded in the sun and closed when his light was withdrawn. Though very ignorant, she had obtained a knowledge of her Saviour. She applied to her minister to be admitted to the Lord's Supper. He examined her and found that she knew so little of the doctrines of the church as to unfit her to be a communicant. He conveyed this to her as kindly as he could, when she replied: "Aweel, sir, aweel; but I ken ae thing; as the lint bell opens to the sun, so does my heart to the Lord Jesus."—*Exchange*.

Communion Sunday lies before us again. This should be a gracious hour for all of the congregation. See to it that you have forgiven everybody and that the heart is right towards God. Repent sincerely of your sins; put out of the heart all malice and guile and hypocrisy; come with meekness on the Lord's Day to bow at the altar of confession and communion. Each first Sunday should be for us the beginning of a new life from which time we are to keep more fully the commandments of God and walk in his holy ways.

Matters of Interest

REVIVAL MEETING IN THE FALL

For sufficient reasons Memorial Church did not hold special services in the spring, but is waiting to have them in the fall. It seems now, God willing, that October 22nd will be the date of beginning, more definite announcements to be made later. Let us begin to pray and look forward with eagerness to that time. Parents and Sunday school teachers should do all in their power to bring the young people to an acceptance of Christ as their Saviour. Let all who can sing put themselves in training for the time so that a great chorus of voices may be had for the meeting. This revival season is the harvest time of the church and Sunday school, and we should make it count in every way.

Western North Carolina has suffered grievously recently on account of floods. Homes were washed away; rivers overflowed farms, destroyed crops and damaged the lands. It is too late for them to plant again this season, and the most of them being poor, provision must be made for them until they can recover from the severe losses. People throughout the state and elsewhere have responded liberally to the call for help, as they usually do. Have you sent in your contribution to the committee for this worthy cause?

On the first Sunday of each month a collection is taken for the poor. The loose money in the plates goes to this cause. We have been running behind in this matter lately and are in need of some funds in the treasury for the poor. In addition to the envelope which you put in next Sunday morning will you not also bring along some for those who must be helped by the church? He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

Suppose you take the book of Hebrews for your Bible Reading this month. It is a wonderful and fascinating book, telling of the greatness of Christ, our High Priest. It shows

how the advantages of the Gospel are so much greater than they had in the olden times. Memorize the first and second chapters and say them over to yourself every day for a week. You do take a little time each day to read and study the Bible, do you not? Do not forget to do it.

This is an appeal to the members to attend the night services as often as possible. Frequently the congregation is made up largely of visitors and strangers. These are not likely to come many times unless some of our own people are there to welcome them. The ushers are quite faithful to do their part, coming on time every service and staying through it all. The majority of our stewards do not seem to take this point very seriously. It reminds you a little of inviting guests to see you and then all the home folks taking that occasion to go off somewhere. The services during the warm weather have been less than an hour on Sunday nights and one hour in the mornings. Suppose we all try the experiment of going to church at night on the next Lord's day and find if it really hurts anybody. And if no one faints or chokes down we may keep it up.

"Go Ye Therefore and Make Disciples"

Replying to the question, "Why are the Socialists in Milwaukee so successful?" Victor Berger, the leader of the party in that city, replied: "Because we put nine-tenths of our campaign funds into literature, and because we have three hundred men who are pledged to get up every Sunday morning at five o'clock for the purpose of placing Socialist literature, printed in various languages, into the Sunday morning newspaper found upon the front doorsteps." Would it be possible to secure three hundred churchmen in any city in America to pledge themselves to arise every Sunday in the year at five o'clock for the purpose of placing Christian literature upon the doorsteps of the people living in their communities because they felt that the message contained in Christianity was a more vital message than that contained in Socialism?—*All the World*.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Mr. M. W. Brabham will probably hold a Sunday School Institute for the Durham District on the seventh and eighth of September. The place has not been definitely determined yet. It will be recalled that a successful meeting of this nature was held at Memorial Church last September at which a permanent organization for the district was made.

The Laymen's Conference was set to meet at Junaluska August 1-6. On account of the damage by floods in the western part of the state it has been decided to change the date of the meeting until the 15th of the month. Hundreds of laymen from North Carolina and other Southern states are expected at this gathering. The first large conference of this sort at the assembly grounds was held three years ago.

Miss Kate Johnson's class took supper at the park one night in July. This class of young women are doing excellent work in the Sunday School and are among the most loyal members of our congregation. It is well for them to get together in these social meetings every month or two.

The Epworth League has been regular in its Sunday evening meetings during the summer. The fidelity of those who attend is both beautiful and praiseworthy. They are not able now to estimate what such steadfastness of purpose will mean in their own character growth and in the life of the church in coming years. The League held its social meeting on Thursday night, July 27th. It is the pleasure of the pastor to attend these gatherings when he can do so.

Memorial Church is fortunate in having so many laymen who can conduct prayer meetings and do it well. These Wednesday night services should be more of a "People's Meeting"

than the minister's meeting any way. A great many of our people are depriving themselves of a blessing by not attending these hours of prayer, and they are also keeping back from the rest of us what they might contribute to the good of all. There is no law against stewards coming, and there is a premium offered for the attendance of their families.

Let the pastor make this simple request which will make things a little easier. On Sunday when you notify him of those who have come to town recently will you not write the names and addresses on a slip of paper and hand it to him? This will be much better for all concerned. The pastor may not have a pencil and paper at the moment, and there may be six others waiting to speak to him, so he will appreciate very much if you will bear this in mind. This might also be done regarding the sick as well as the newcomers.

Four months and then Annual Conference, on November 29th. September will be the time to select the committees and get down to definite preparation for the occasion. Memorial will meet the situation handsomely. It will be the first time the Conference has met with our church and we look forward to the time with great interest.

If the pastor is making his way towards the front door of the church immediately after the preaching service do not stop him. He is possibly trying to catch some stranger before he gets out or to speak to somebody on an important matter. See him as he returns into the church for he has not gone for good but must come back after his hat. It will be easy to remember that the pastor is nearly the last one to leave the church each Sunday.

In mentioning the accomplishments of our young folks in the last MESSENGER several names were omitted unintentionally. Among those who finished the high school that were not

named in the last issue are Misses Mamie Ruth Andrews and Mildred Karnes, Thomas Bass, Edwin P. Jones, and Leroy W. Saunders. These young people are well known among us and are worthy representatives of their school.

Transferred by letter: Mrs. Mamie Nunnally, M. O. Crane, Mrs. Arthur A. McDonald (formerly Miss Mary Reade). Received by letter: Richard Haygood Wilson, who comes to us from Japan, and will be at home with his sister at Mrs. Carr's on Watts Street. Mr. Charles C. White, Jr., of Main Street, married Miss Lola Walker of Durham, in July. THE MESSENGER is sending good wishes to them both.

Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Bennett suffered the loss of their father in the month of July. He died at the home of Mrs. Holland on Trinity Avenue where he had lived for some time. His name was H. H. Harper. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Warrenton. For many months he was a sufferer, but bore his afflictions patiently. He testified of his faith in Jesus and his love for the church before he went.

Everybody is glad to see the Junior Choir start its training again under the leadership of Mrs. Hamlin. It meets on Monday nights, and has a membership already of nearly thirty. There is some excellent talent in this group of young folks which should be developed for the church. We hope to hear them soon in the Sunday services in the auditorium of the church. All of the young people fifteen years and over are invited to sing in this choir. Let all of them be careful not to miss any of the practice hours, for it is this regular practice that will count for most in their efficiency. They will be willing though to sacrifice something for the sake of this work.

Children's Page

MY DEAR CHILDREN :

Let me preach you a short sermon from what is written in first John, the third chapter and eighteenth verse. It reads this way: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

So he tells you not to have just word love and tongue love but true love instead. It is easy to talk but not so easy to do. You must love with the hands and feet and whole body as well as with tongue. You may put your arms around mother's neck and tell her that you love her, yet if you do not go and do what she wants you to do I am afraid you do not love her very much.

Jesus said that if we did what He wanted us to do this would be a sign that we loved Him. You might have tongue and word love on Sunday and forget to have deed love and true love on week days. You could tell the Lord that you love Him and then go and live for yourself and do the things which He does not want you to do. We cannot give our words to Him and then give our hands and feet and hearts to Satan. Jesus must have the whole of us or none at all. He said that we must love the Lord with all the heart and mind and soul and strength; must think for Him, believe in Him and worship Him. Love Him with your body. Your words will say, "I love you" and your hands will say "Amen."

You may say, "I love you, mother; I love you, father," and yet you may neglect them and fail to help about the house, and go off and leave them while they are sick. "I love you, teacher," and you do not keep the rules of the school nor learn the lesson. "I love Thee, Lord," and at the same time you live as you please and forget to pray. "I love you, Jesus," and yet you go to places that are bad and do the things he said not to do. Jesus told us that there were some folks who said "Lord, Lord," and then would not do what he wished them to do. These are words, not deeds, tongue, but not

truth. If you really love others you will want to help them, and if you love Jesus you will want to obey Him.

The love which Jesus had for us did not stop with words. In fact He did not tell us many times that He loved us but He showed it by what He did. You remember that what we do speaks louder than what we say, so the life of Jesus speaks his love for us louder than any word of his. He showed his love by living for us and then by dying for us. Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us and gave Himself for us. So we decide that a real love always gives itself for other folks. Memorize the words of the text and get father and mother to explain the sermon to you.

With love and best wishes from,

BROTHER NORTH.

Announcements

Preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock and at eight.

Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at eight.

Epworth League each Sunday evening at seven.

Young People's Mission Society, August sixth and twentieth, at three.

Meeting of the Board of Stewards Tuesday night, August fifteenth.

Meeting of Woman's Mission Society Monday afternoon, the seventh, at three-thirty.

Meeting of Sunday School Council Tuesday night, the eighth. Supper in basement.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon, the twenty-seventh, at three.

Prayer meeting at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's Tuesday, the eighth, at four.

Prayer services held by the Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second, at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Seminary, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these meetings is three o'clock.

"A little bit of patience
Often makes the sunshine come.
A little bit of love
Makes a very happy home.
A little bit of hope
Makes a rainy day look gay.
A little bit of charity
Makes glad a weary day."

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I am thinking today of your loyalty to Jesus Christ. Our service is to spring out of our love for him. Some people see only the organization in which they work. As for instance Sunday School or League. They call these things church work. To them it is only a matter of attending meetings, raising and paying money.

Some do it because they have been told, not thinking why it should be so. A sort of blind obedience. Others through a stern sense of duty to God. Others because they are afraid that some evil would befall them if they failed in these matters. Others still think that if they do so much service they will receive just that much more reward. But there is but little inspiration in this way of living. Jesus said, "If a man love me he will keep my words." Not if he love a principle, or rule or law, but if he love Me.

This thought will lift our lives up from their drudgery and make them center in him. You will see the living Christ standing back of your task, giving life and meaning to it all. Whatever you do then you do it in His name and for Him. It does not seem hard now. So grateful do you feel towards him that you say, "If I had a thousand lives to live I should give them all to him. I can never repay him for what he has done for me." You will no more say "Must I do this or this much," but it will be "May I, and how I wish I could."

With this spirit you will defend him against all opponents, and will seek to advance his cause everywhere. When you see anyone speaking or working against him it will stir you

to the very soul. His battle is yours. You will want to pull down all things that detract from his honor and build up all that will be for his glory. His cause is yours. You will never side with any one against him. I notice that Moses during all the murmuring of the people would ever stand with his Lord contrary to them. You will be eager to see his Kingdom prosper, and you will want to make all the friends for him that you can.

With such loyalty to him you could never deny him. In whatever position you were found you would always be true to him. Awkward situations will sometimes confront you, trials, temptations, the majority against you, but in the midst of it all you will remain true to him because you will love him more than you will anything or any one else. Neither fear of any enemy nor hope of reward will serve to drive you from your position. Your love for Christ will so fill the soul that no other matter can find a place there and everything will take a secondary place.

You will be better able to choose your life work after giving your allegiance fully to him. You will want to work in that place and in that way that will best please him.

You will be able better to decide about the diversions of life that give such grave concern to so many folks. Your question will be, "I wonder how he would like this." And you would not care to engage in anything where you could not ask him to have a part.

If you serve him in this spirit of loyalty he will not require you to give bond. He knows that you will not play him false if you love him. There is a secret between you and him which is known to no one beside. A little girl died after living a singularly beautiful life. People wondered at the secret of it. They found in a little locket that she wore these words, "Having not seen I love." Then they understood.

Unless people can have an inspiration of this sort they will grow tired of their work and give up before they get old. But with a spirit of loyalty to him those who are gray will still be young in spirit, and their work will be of a better quality.

Their lives are transformed and service becomes a joy to them. Men break rock for a penalty and it is drudgery to them. Others do it through love for those at home, and it is done with a song on their lips. You must have some reason for your work. Back of it must be the Christ who looks on with approval.

Jesus wants a generation of folks who will be enthusiastic for him. Speak for him, sing for him, work for him. Let everything be for him. There is no other name that can rally so many people as can his. Be true and loyal to him, and others seeing your happy, useful life will be led to serve the same Christ that you love and serve.

District Sunday School Conference

The Sunday School Conference for the Durham District will be held at Trinity College September 7-8, beginning Thursday night and closing Friday night. The meeting will be under the direction of Mr. M. W. Brabham, Field Secretary of Sunday Schools for the North Carolina Conference. Several visiting speakers will take part in the conference. The Program as announced is as follows:

THURSDAY NIGHT

8:00 P. M.—Devotional.

Address by Rev. H. M. North, president of the conference.

Address by Rev. W. C. Owen, "Wesley Bible Class Movement."

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M.—Devotional.

Address, "Magnifying the Bible as Our Text Book," Rev. W. W. Peele.

Address, "The Pastor and the Sunday School," Mr. Owen.

Address, "Our Missionary Policy," by Mr. J. M. Way.

Address, "Why Use the Graded Lessons?" Miss Kennedy.

Open Conference: Activities of the Organized Class.

Open Conference on Organized Class Work led by Mr. Brabham.

Appointment of Committees.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 P. M.—Devotional.

Mr. Owen, on the Country Sunday School.

Mr. Sharpe, on the Superintendent and His Work.

Miss Kennedy, on the Elementary Division.

Rev. J. C. Wooten, on Sunday School Work in Durham District.

Mr. Way, on the Work of the Teacher.

Open Conference.

Adjournment at 5 P. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT

8:00 P. M.—Address by Miss Kennedy on the Teen Age Girl.

Address by Mr. Way on the Ideals of the Teacher.

All of the officers and teachers of Memorial School should avail themselves of the chance of attending these meetings. Many of the adult students should also go. Leaders of the primary and junior departments should go especially to hear Miss Kennedy.

The Measure of Our Responsibility in Giving

Under the old dispensation the rule was "Thou shalt do thus and thus," but in these times of the Gospel it is "Thou mayest," and "Thou canst," and "If thou wilt." We should be glad that we have a part in this matter of giving and should respond with cheerfulness. We should ask eagerly what we can do for the Lord in view of all He has done for us. Although it ought always to be a privilege still it is a responsibility as well. Let us ask how we are to measure our responsibility as individuals so that each may know how much he should give to the Lord's cause.

Suppose you approach the question in the following way.

What is it that decides what you are to spend for the family at home? In answer we will say there are three things that determine this. First, you will give according to the needs of your family. They hunger, and must be fed. They need clothes; the home must be kept in order; the children are to be schooled; medicine and physician must be had in time of sickness; and you will not rest until all these necessities are met. But now a second consideration comes in. The supplying of these family needs is limited by your ability. You are not always able to furnish them just what they need. So you will give them every good gift which is in your power to bestow. Then a third point must be considered, and that is your love for these home folks. They might be in need, and you might be able to supply what they needed, still if you did not have the love of father or mother for them, they would get but little from you. Your love will cause you to find out their needs and will make you get the means for their support.

Now let us bring this same measure and test and apply them to our offerings to God. As long as there is need there is also a demand for our gifts, and we should give until the cause is satisfied. We are not true Christians if we say that the calls of the church make no appeal to us. Again, the amount you give the church is determined by your ability. Of course if you have but little you can give only a little, but you should give some even of that. If you have much, then you should give much. We should not compare ourselves with others, but rather remember how much God has blessed us and then give accordingly. Now if your love for the cause comes in, you will make a sacrifice to give. You will feel that you fall all too short of the Gospel standard of liberality. When the great temple was being built the people brought their precious jewels to ornament it and piled them up until the workmen had more than enough. So if we love the church we will put our choicest treasures in it. We conclude then that if people love the cause of Christ as they do their own home affairs it will become a pleasure rather than burden for them to give.

A Short History of Methodism

1. What was the first movement in Methodism? The banding together of John Wesley, Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, and a few others in the University of Oxford in the year 1729 for the purpose of mental and spiritual improvement.

2. When and by whom was the first Methodist society organized? In 1739 in London, England, by John Wesley.

3. Give an outline of the life of John Wesley. Born June 17, 1703; entered Oxford University in 1721; ordained a deacon in 1729; went to Georgia in 1735; obtained the witness of the Spirit in 1738; died in 1791.

4. When was the first Annual Conference in England held? In 1744.

5. When and where was the first Methodist meetinghouse erected? The first Methodist meetinghouse in America was erected about 1764-65 at Sam's Creek, Md.

6. When, where, and by whom was the first Methodist society organized in America? In 1766, in the city of New York, by Philip Embury.

7. Who were the first itinerant preachers sent to America by Mr. Wesley? Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor. Francis Asbury came two years later.

8. When and where was the first Annual Conference in America held? In 1773, in the city of Philadelphia.

9. What were the statistics of this Conference? Ten traveling preachers, six circuits, and 1,160 members.

10. When and where was the Methodist Episcopal Church formally organized? December 25, 1784, in the city of Baltimore.

11. What bishop was elected and ordained at this time? Francis Asbury. Thomas Coke had already been appointed and ordained by Mr. Wesley. He was elected with Francis Asbury.

12. What were some of the statistics at this time? There were 14,983 Methodists in America. Of these, 13,331 were in the South.

13. Who was the first native Methodist preacher in America? Richard Owings.

14. When and where was the first General Conference held? December, 1784, in the city of Baltimore.

15. When and where was the first Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in America? April 20, 1785, at the house of Green Hill, near Louisburg, N. C. Bishops Asbury and Coke presided.—*Nashville Christian Advocate*.

Methodism's Articles of Religion

There are twenty-five articles of religion in the doctrine of the Methodist Church. The first five of them are given below:

I. OF FAITH IN THE HOLY TRINITY

1. There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead, there are three persons of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. OF THE WORD, OR SON OF GOD, WHO WAS MADE VERY MAN

2. The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

III. OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

3. Christ did truly rise again from the dead and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection

of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.

IV. OF THE HOLY GHOST

4. The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

V. OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES FOR SALVATION

5. Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture, we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

Mrs. Hemans seemed to think that this was the way Hannah felt when she carried her little son, Samuel, to the temple and presented him to the Lord. May be you, mother, will feel so on next Sunday when you have your little child baptized. Read slowly:

“The boy was vowed
 Unto the temple service. By the hand
 She led him, and her silent soul the while,
 Oft as the dewy laughter of his eye
 Met her sweet serious glance, rejoiced to think
 That aught so pure, so beautiful, was hers,
 To bring before her God.

“I give thee to thy God—the God that gave thee
 A well-spring of deep gladness to my heart.
 And precious as thou art,
 And pure as dew of Hermon, He shall have thee,
 My own, my beautiful, my undefiled;
 And thou shalt be His child.

“Therefore, farewell. I go, my soul may fail me,
As the stag panteth for the water brooks,
Yearning for thy sweet looks—
But thou, my first born, droop not, nor bewail me;
Thou in the shadow of the Rock shalt dwell,
The Rock of Strength. Farewell.”

Report of the Daughters of Wesley

The June monthly meeting business-social meeting of the Daughters of Wesley took place at the home of Mrs. Jasper Hamlin. Miss Jones, a sister of Mrs. Hamlin, assisted in receiving the guests who were seated on the large, cool porch. Owing to the great number of members out of town for the summer, only twenty-four of the class of seventy-seven were present.

Mrs. Underwood, president, conducted the business meeting and beside the usual reports of the various committees, plans were discussed for enlarging the class to one hundred in the fall. So many plans for wisely using the funds recently raised by the class have presented themselves, that a new and novel way of raising more funds was planned. It was decided also during the month to give \$10.00 to the flood sufferers, \$5.00 to the fund for buying vases for the church and a check for \$45.00 was sent to the Methodist Orphanage to be used in furnishing the cottage for little girls.

Miss Cecilia Henry was appointed chairman of the music committee to take the place of Mrs. Charlie King, to prepare music or readings for the Sunday morning meetings of the class.

Miss Lilly reported that during June and July there were fourteen members of the class who had not missed a Sunday.

Following the business discussion, delicious cream and cake were served by Miss Jones, Miss Annie Hamlin and Miss Zalene Allen.

The members of the class were very much grieved to learn on their arrival at Mrs. Hamlin's home, that she was too ill to

leave her room. She has since been very ill in Watts Hospital. She is greatly missed in the class and her very early recovery is hoped for.

MISS MABEL MOORE, *Class Reporter*.

The Gleaners Report

Mrs. P. M. Ellis and Mrs. Irene Blalock were joint hostesses to their Sunday School class, "The Gleaners of Memorial Church," Friday evening, August fourth, at their home on Pettigrew Street.

The parlor was tastefully decorated with vases and bowls of cut flowers.

The first part of the program was taken up with business discussions. Since the last meeting several families had been aided and a pounding for one of these had been arranged for Monday, August 7th.

When all the business had been transacted, the ladies were invited out on the lawn where a salad course followed by ice cream and wafers were served. After this the meeting adjourned to hold their next meeting at the church unless invited by some member to meet at her home.

On Monday evening, August 7th, the members met at the church to hold a pounding for a worthy family. Each member responded liberally. The work is being further carried on by several members of the class.

MRS. D. E. MCCOY, *Class Reporter*.

The following are the colleges and schools within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference owned by the Methodist Church: Trinity College, Greensboro College for Women, Louisburg Female College, Carolina College at Maxton, Trinity Park School. Littleton Female College is run in the interest of the Methodist Church but is of private ownership. The pastor would be glad to give information at any time regarding these schools.

Paragraphs on Many Things

The congregation was delighted to hear the Junior Chorus sing on Sunday night a few weeks ago. They did excellent service and added much to the worship of the hour. It is hoped that they will keep up their practice and sing for us many times during the winter.

During the last month church letters were given to Mrs. J. C. Tipton and B. D. Tillett. One was received by letter, Miss Annie Lillian McBroom. She is a nurse, caring for patients in the city. Her home is with Mrs. W. H. McAllister on Watts Street.

The city schools will start in September. The young people of Memorial Church are urged to start in at the beginning with the intention of making a perfect record both as to attendance and recitation. There were some very fine records made last year by certain members of the graduating class of the High School. Faithfulness in such things now will lead to successful careers in the future.

Mrs. Parthenia Henry, the mother of W. P. Henry, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rigsbee, on the 22nd of August. She would have been ninety years of age if she had lived until next winter, and was probably the oldest member of Trinity Church. She declined gradually in strength, and the long day of her life closed in gentleness and peace.

Just three months until the meeting of the Annual Conference at our church. There will be nearly four hundred guests to entertain on that occasion. To be exact there were three hundred and eighty-eight provided for at Wilmington one year ago. Other churches of the city have signified their willingness to help in the matter, but of course the first and the longest step must be taken by our own folks.

The pastor had a very pleasant vacation of two weeks at Chatauqua Lake in the western part of New York State. This is the assembly grounds established by the Methodists of the Northern Church 43 years ago. Now however it is the meeting place of all denominations that care to go there. It has a winter population of five hundred, and a summer population of about ten thousand. The grounds are situated on a lake seventeen miles long. It is indeed a wonderful place to go for rest, entertainment or instruction.

All parents and Sunday school teachers and stewards are earnestly requested to attend the Wednesday night services from now until the revival begins on October 22. Make a sacrifice if necessary to come. Let this be a season for praying for a true revival in the church and that all those around us who are not now Christians may be converted. You who read these lines, will you not come too?

All of us should keep in mind the date of the protracted meeting. October 22nd is the time set. This will be after the county and the state fairs are both over and before the election day comes. Mark the time in your calendar so that no other engagement will be made to conflict with this. Do not arrange to take a trip that week, and have no social gatherings during the time. Let it be an occasion when the heart of the whole church is turned to spiritual concerns. We should have our Bibles open more, and ought to be on our knees before God longer than ever before. Will you not bear these things on your mind?

Suppose you take this for your Bible reading for September. Turn to the Gospel of Saint John and find the 13th chapter. Begin there and read to the end of the 17th chapter. You will find here the discourses of Jesus and his conversation with the disciples during and following the Last Supper. There are no finer things in all the great Book than you can find in

these five chapters. Do not read too fast, nor too many verses at a time, but let your study continue through the month. Come to it again and again in your mornings and evenings. Meditate over these wonderful words of Jesus until they are known by heart. Ask the Spirit to show you their deep meaning and take the teaching as the bread of life and the water of life.

We are glad to see the scattered forces of the church return after the summer vacation. They have doubtless come back with renewed health, and with their minds broadened and deepened by thought and reading and work, and they are now ready for a better service in one or more of the organizations of the church. The attendance and interest in the matter of public worship and classes should reach high water-mark in our experience this fall.

THE MESSENGER extends a cordial welcome to the young men of the College and the Park School and to the young women of the Conservatory. They will find a good church home for themselves at Memorial and a fine opportunity for both worship and training. The members of the church will do all within their reach to show kindness to these students. The teachers of these institutions will be gladly received as they come to take up their duties once more.

Other Matters

It takes \$4,800 dollars to meet all expenses from the beginning of the church year up to September first, and of this amount we have collected \$3,900, leaving us \$900 short for this time of year. It will require \$2,500 to finish out the year until conference. This can be done well if all work together on it. Let us see if everyone cannot catch up in the matter of monthly payments during September so that this deficit can be greatly lessened by the end of the month. You can tell from your envelopes how you stand in your payments, but if there is any doubt about them just phone to Miss Lily Duke and

she will take pleasure in giving the information. This being Conference year with us we are anxious to come out on everything several weeks, if possible, before the end. Will you not do your part?

A number of little children in the congregation have not yet been baptized. Fathers and mothers are invited to bring them next Sunday morning, September third, at eleven o'clock. The pastor wishes to baptize them just before the preaching service. What more important thing, what holier act can parents perform than to dedicate in this way their children to the Lord? They should give each child every possible advantage toward growing into a Christian manhood or womanhood. It will be of great comfort to these parents in the future to look back and remember that they did all in their power to start their children in the right way and to keep them in it. Infant baptism has been one of the favorite doctrines of the Methodist Church throughout its history, and God has evidently blessed this custom very richly.

Next Sunday you are invited to sit at the Lord's Table and to eat bread in the kingdom of heaven. Ought not this to mean careful preparation on your part for such an important event? Had you been called to dine with the president in the White House it would cause you much concern in making yourself ready for the occasion, and it would be something to look forward to for many weeks. How much more should we look to the hour when with the Lord of all the earth we shall gather in Holy Communion? Hands should be washed; soul cleansed; the beautiful garments of righteousness put on; the thought of the heart lifted to heavenly things. We should see that we have forgiven others the wrongs done us, and that we are in love and charity with our neighbors and are desirous of living a new life following the commandments of God and walking henceforth in his holy ways. Then with a feeling of extreme unworthiness we shall come making our humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling on our knees.

Children's Page

Where do you children take your walks on Sunday afternoons? Instead of going to the park or strolling across town, suppose you go to the country next time. If you go as far as the woods get a leaf from each one of these trees and bring them back with you to show to the home folks. A leaf from a white oak, a dogwood, a maple, a black-gum and a holly. You will also find along by the little streams and in the fields a great many beautiful wild flowers that grow in September. How would it do to see the number of different kinds you can gather. Suppose you get a trumpet flower, or coral honeysuckle, two kinds of golden rod, a black-eyed Susan, a golden aster, a lady's thumb, and a piece of Queen Anne's lace. You ought soon to learn the names of the most of the flowers which grow around Durham.

On next Sunday morning Brother North wants to preach a sermon to the children. So he wants all of you to be sure to come. It will be at eleven o'clock. Ask all of your young friends among the boys and girls to come with you. Just before the sermon he wants to baptize all the babies that are able to get out that day. Tell your father and mother to bring the baby Sunday for they must not fail to have the little one baptized. Ask mother to tell you the story of Hannah and Samuel once more so you can have it fresh in your mind when you come to church.

MEMORIZE THESE WORDS

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise think on these things."

"It is not the will of your Heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish."

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Sunday School at half past nine.

Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings at eight.

Epworth League each Sunday at four.

Young People's Mission Society, September third and seventeenth at three.

Meeting of the Board of Stewards Tuesday night, September twelfth.

Meeting of Woman's Mission Society Monday afternoon, the fourth, at three-thirty.

Meeting of Sunday School Council Tuesday night, the fifth. Supper in basement.

Bright Jewels Sunday afternoon, the twenty-fourth, at three-thirty.

Prayer meeting at Mrs. Lucy Wilson's Tuesday, the fifth, at four.

Prayer services held by the Epworth League: First Sunday at Mrs. Hopkins' on Corporation Street; second, at Mrs. Couch's on Yancey; third, at Mrs. Wilder's on Burch, and at Mrs. Hamilton's on Broad; fourth, at Mr. Woody's on Gurlley, and at the Old Ladies' Home. The hour for all these meetings is three o'clock.

Holy Communion, September third, morning and night.

Children baptized September third, at eleven.

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Monthly Letter by the Pastor

MY DEAR CONGREGATION :

I would have all of you keep your minds on the twenty-second of October and the two weeks following that. This is the season in which we gather, hoping for a revival of religion in our church. The ancient people of Isreal used to have their annual feasts at which time the families of the nation would gather in Jerusalem with the temple as the center of their life. Here they would renew the spirit of worship and of loyalty to their Lord, making mention always of his boundless goodness to them. Besides this they would have sweet fellowship one with another. It was a time to live for and work unto throughout the entire year. These days before us should be such an occasion for our people. We need very much to come together and take stock of our religious resources ; to renew our covenants with God, and to begin again to walk close to Him. We need a better understanding with each other and to bring ourselves to worship in unity of spirit.

This should be a sort of spiritual homecoming for the membership. Many of them have wandered from God and from the former ways of strict living, and are now cold and indifferent regarding their relation to the church and to their Lord. These rarely attend public worship and have long since ceased to pray. The Bible is never read by them. Are you, my friends, among this number ? Come back to God and to the fellowship of his people during the meeting, if not before. Bring your repentance and profession along with you, and let this be a time and place for rallying the scattered forces of

your life to begin a new sort of living. Do you not feel a kind of shame at the great distance between yourself and the holy ways of living wherein you once walked? You have treated your God meanly and should be covered with an unspeakable shame. You have been dragging along a wretched existence, breaking every holy vow which you ever took. I wish that I might say something that would cut you to the very heart, although it should make you angry with me, if by such words I might get you to think about the way you have been serving your Lord and incline you to come unto Him again.

Let me ask those of you who are fathers and mothers that you speak with your children who are not now Christians, telling them how much you would like to see them give their hearts to Jesus. Yours is a great responsibility in this matter. You have hardly realized that these young folks have grown to be ten and twelve and fourteen years of age. To you they seem as but little children, but before you are aware they will be well grown and will slip from the home without being followers of Christ. This would hurt you very much. So try to bring them to the Lord and into the church this fall. Do not rest until this be accomplished, for above everything else this is your appointed work. Suppose success should come in all other lines but failure in this, what profit then would your life be? Will you not think upon these things?

And those of you who are teachers in the Sunday School, will you not see that all of the young folks are brought in? Yours is a rare privilege as well as imperative duty. The church has committed into your hands much of the religious training of these young folks. You have been teaching them the lessons all the year; will you not take them and apply the teachings to their lives and see that they come into the proper relation with their Lord? I wish that each of you might be able to say that everyone in your class is a Christian. This is something to pray for very earnestly and a matter to be presented to them for their personal decision.

I am sure that there are some things which all the membership can do to make the meeting a revival indeed. You can

at least be present at the services. This will show that you are interested and will have a good effect upon others. Try to arrange your business and social affairs so that nothing will prevent your attending every day. The most of you can sing. We wish to have a large chorus choir for the occasion. Do not wait to be asked many times to help in this way, but take hold gladly and sing either in the choir or the congregation. You and I should not criticize the singing of others when we ourselves do nothing to make the volume of song larger and better. In fact there is no place for criticism in these matters at all, but for co-operation and service from each one. Then surely all of us can pray. Prayer is in the reach of the humblest and the greatest. Begin now, if you have not already done so, to carry this whole question to the Lord on your knees; bring up before Him every possible difficulty, asking Him to make the way plain and to come bringing a blessing with Him. You will pray especially for the minister who leads and for your unsaved friends and acquaintances.

It is my daily prayer for you, my people, that you may be able to overcome all sin and be filled and guided by the spirit of God. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with you forever.

I am with love and good will,

Sincerely your pastor,

HARRY M. NORTH.

Saving the Souls of Men

Can there be any greater work than saving a soul from its sin and misery and bringing it to serve its God? The angels might well envy us the privilege. Saint James put it after this manner: "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know that he that converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins." Souls perish even as bodies do. They lose the appetite for good things, fall into a decline; they burn up with fevers of passion; are consumed by

lust. There are wasting, chronic sins, taking years to run their course and to work their ruin in the soul. Others are as those who fall into the fire and must be snatched out to save them. It would be worth risking much to save a soul from death of any kind, would it not?

Jesus said in his day that the harvest was great but the laborers were few. The same is certainly true in this time. There are so many to be saved and so few who are working at it. Two out of nearly every three people whom you find have made no profession. How many out of the Christians of your acquaintance are really trying to bring these unsaved people to Christ? Just look around you and count up the people whom you see every week, and you will be astonished to find how many of them are making absolutely no profession. Does this not impress you deeply and cause you to want to lead them into the faith? Jesus told the Disciples to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Let us pray that such a band of workers may be raised up in Memorial Church.

You say that somebody should speak to such and such a one. But who is this somebody? Is anyone more interested in this matter than just yourself? Possibly the Holy Spirit is suggesting to you to mention this subject to that friend. Who is closer to him than you are? You see him every day, and you have much influence with him. Then why not make the utmost use of that influence in the name of Jesus? Will conscience let you rest if you fail to do this? Does the burden of souls rest heavily upon your heart so that you lose sleep in thinking over the sad case of the lost? Do not go ask them to come join the church; they are not ready for that yet. Ask them to repent and give their hearts to God; then they will be ready for membership in the church. Some one will say, "I have been a member of the church for a long time and they have never given me anything to do." Surely here is something for you to do; this great harvest waits for the finest labor that you can give. Work will be found here for all who care to enter the field.

Jesus said, "He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathers fruit unto life eternal." The majority of folks spend their time in gathering perishable fruit. They who gather for God are saving it forever. These souls are immortal; they live forever with God. Let it be understood that they who save a soul are saving it for eternity. This is no small affair in which we are engaged. This workman receives wages. What sort of wage is this? It should be enough for him to know that an immortal soul had been taken from the deepest sin and lifted to the heavens. In addition to this his Lord will give many more talents as wages for such a faithful service. Daniel said that they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. Not for a day, nor for a year, but they shall shine forever. Rev. Henry Gray who is buried at Bahama in the upper part of Durham County had more than five thousand converts to Christ during his ministry. Surely he led many to righteousness and will shine with the blessed. How many have you converted from the error of their ways?

The Soul

"Look upon Spirit as the rider! Take
The body for the chariot and the Will
As charioteer! Regard the Mind as reins,
The senses steeds, and things of sense
The ways they trample on. So is the Soul
The Lord that owneth spirit, body, will,
Mind, senses, all, Itself unowned.

Thus think the wise!

He who is unwise, drives with reins
Slack on the neck o' the senses; then they romp
Like restless horses of a charioteer.
He that is wise, with watchful mind and firm,
Calms these wild fires, so they go fair and straight
Like well-trained horses of a charioteer."

References and Comments on Prayer

Pray that we may know how to pray and that we may love to do it. The Holy Spirit will teach us. See Romans 8:26.

That we may be able to watch with Jesus at least one hour occasionally. Watch and pray. We cannot save the world, but we should at least try to be in sympathy with the Lord who died for it. . .

To live in the spirit of prayer so that I may come quickly into the presence of God. It takes some of us a long time to reach Him. Do you not feel when you finish your prayer on certain occasions that you have not actually reached Him at all?

We go to our tasks without power because we do not pray. Prayerless workers. The Disciples could not cast out the evil spirit because they were not living in close enough touch with God in prayer to receive the power for that need.

Try to be more sincere in our prayers. Would a person be otherwise at such a time? I leave you to answer for yourself. Say only the thing we mean. If we thought more on this point maybe our words would be fewer but with greater emphasis.

Pray to have greater faith in the promises of God. To believe that Jesus meant just what He said in Matthew 7:7, "Ask," etc. Every one that asketh receiveth.

Pray that I may hate sin, first in myself and then everywhere. For a holy life there is simply no release from this necessity of praying for ourselves. It is the only way to keep us from going back and falling. To overcome the weak flesh which cannot work and watch. We stir up some mighty ugly things in our hearts when we pray for a long time.

Pray to be more spiritual and less secular and trivial in life and conversation. (Read last verse of Hymn No. 496.)

That I may bring my mind to dwell upon God considering his glorious nature until I am lost in admiration and worship of Him.

In our prayers we need to dwell more upon special sins in our lives. Harmful to generalize too much.

Pray that the Christian life may appear unto us a thing deeper and broader; that I may have a wider sympathy and outlook. Enlarge my heart. See Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19 about length and breadth and height.

Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; now ask that your joy may be full. Let us all pray.

The Lord's Supper

Once more we are facing a Communion Sunday, the greatest day of all the month. Let us examine our hearts and put out of them all enmity and malice and every evil thing, and may we be desirous of a new life as we approach the altar. We will forgive as we have been forgiven, and as far as possible will go straighten up the wrong we have done others. We will not forget also the order in which we are to take the Sacrament. It was done almost perfectly last first Sunday. Remember that when people are retiring from the altar that no one is to rise until they have gotten well within the mouth of the aisle. Then those on the front seats will rise in a body and come forward to kneel. When those in the aisles have taken their seats then others from the congregation will come to occupy the row of front seats encircling the altar. Just remember three things: first, do not meet anyone in the aisle. Second, let those alone who are on the front seat come to the altar, unless it be either the first table or the last one, in which case they may come from anywhere in the house. The third thing to remember is not to hurry.

How to Enjoy Sunday

1. Stay at home Saturday night and get acquainted with your family. Retire a little earlier than usual.
2. Get up early and help do the necessary work of the home. An honest division of labor helps to oil the wheels of

the household, but a man who sits around reading the morning paper and letting his wife do all the work—

3. If possible, make your plans to go to the Bible school. Go to church. Religion and worship are necessary to a full-grown life.

4. If you have a neighbor who does not go to church, invite him to go with you. If he faints away at your invitation, telephone to the head usher of this church and he will send an automobile for him.

5. Do not expect your wife to rush home from church and get you an extra good Sunday dinner. Let the Sunday meals demand a minimum of labor for housekeepers.

6. Keep some inspiring book on hand for Sunday reading. Write some letters to friends or to the boy or girl away from home.

7. Ask some one who is not a Christian to confess Jesus as Saviour. How long have you been a Christian yourself without doing this.

8. Get all you can out of the Sunday church services, either as a worker or a good listener and doer. Do not criticize the choir. You are not such a great singer yourself.

9. Keep thanking God all day that you are well enough to work and good enough to keep out of jail.

10. Close the day with a song and a prayer after calling up the preacher and telling him you plan to follow his advice when you go to work tomorrow.—*From the Calendar of the First Congregational Church, Topeka, Kans.*

The date of the Annual Conference has been changed from November 29 to December 6, making it one week later. The reason for this is that the Western Carolina Conference was changed on account of the floods in their section, and since the same bishop holds both conferences it became necessary to move ours one week. This arrangement suits very well our ministers and people inasmuch as it will give our pastors a chance to hold Thanksgiving services before conference, thereby securing better collections for the Orphanage.

Reports from Departments

WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society held its literary and social meeting the third Monday in September with good attendance.

In planning the work of the Society for the fall season, it was decided to organize a mission study class, which will study the life of St. Paul under the direction of Mrs. Pepler. This class held its first meeting on Thursday, the twenty-first. On the first Monday in October the Society will meet with the other societies of the Methodist churches of the city at West Durham.

During November the customary week of prayer will be observed.

THE GLEANERS' REPORT

The Gleaners of Memorial Church met September 14th in their regular business meeting at the church, the meeting having been postponed one week on account of the convention being held at Trinity College.

The regular business was transacted and good reports were read from the various committees. The class was pleased to have their teacher, Mrs. J. H. Dickson, with them after being absent three weeks on a vacation.

After the business all enjoyed a social hour. Mrs. Ham, Miss Libbie Brogden and Mrs. Barber, being the hostesses. Delicious cake and cream were served, after which the class adjourned to meet for their regular business meeting the first Thursday in October with the class reporter.

MRS. D. E. MCCOY.

REPORT OF EXCELSIOR CLASS

The Excelsior Class of Memorial Sunday School held their regular business meeting at the home of Miss Unice Pate, September 19. The business consisted mostly of means for raising money and it was approved by all members of the

class that we have a rummage sale Saturday, September 30. It was also decided that we have a bazaar a little later, probably in November, but we are to begin making preparations now so as to have a good supply of little articles that are easy to dispose of on hand, for our class believes in preparedness.

For the past few months we have been running a contest for increasing membership or rather holding up a regular attendance through the warm summer months. This contest has helped the class considerably. It closes in October, and the losing side is to entertain the winners.

Not having much business on hand, the meeting adjourned at an early hour. The usual social hour followed.

MISS MARIAN WYATT, *Class Reporter*.

REPORT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF WESLEY

The September monthly meeting of the Daughters of Wesley, was held at the church in the Men's Class Room. A number of ladies volunteered to act as hostesses and after the members were seated in the room which was beautifully decorated, delightful punch was served. The class very much enjoyed two vocal selections by Miss Henry. Later in the evening the hostesses served delicious cake and cream. It was thought best to hold this meeting and also the October meeting in the church, that being a central place where all the members and more especially the new ones, could more easily attend.

The business matters discussed included plans for the Brunswick stew and parcel post sale the latter part of the month and also plans for making the October meeting the best yet held. An especial effort will be made to have everyone of the eighty members present to discuss the plans of work for the winter.

It has been the privilege of the class this past month to make a little more bearable the fatal illness of one of its oldest members, by providing a nurse to relieve the family at nights. The class feels a great sorrow and loss on account of the death of this young woman.

That there may be no misunderstanding, it may be well to mention that it is not through any spirit of pride that the various activities of this class are from time to time recorded here. There is, in fact, ever before those who do good merely for the sake of good, the feeling of "Let not thy right hand know why thy left hand doeth," and it is not that the class wishes to publish its activities that mention is made of them—and the many individual charities are, of course, never mentioned—but, in the hope of keeping alive the interest of those members necessarily absent at times, and of arousing a desire among outsiders to join the class, mention is made of those things which are the real interests of the class, the things which hold the class together and make it so truly worth while.

MISS MABEL MOORE, *Reporter*.

In Memorial Sunday School are eighty boys and girls who are old enough to be brought into the communion of the church. That is, they are old enough to decide this matter for themselves and to act. It is for the rest of us to help them in every possible way to take this step. Twenty-eight women in our church have husbands who are not members; what you might call our brothers-in-law. Some of these attend public worship with us; others do not. A few of them are in the men's classes. Let the pastor and all the rest join with these twenty-eight wives in praying for their unbelieving husbands that they may be converted before this year closes. A number of young men and young women around us are not yet on the inside. We will not forget them either.

Those received into Memorial Church in September: Charles Parrish, 707 Wilkerson Avenue; R. K. Smathers and Harmon Hoffman, Trinity Park; Mrs. W. T. Britt, 1210 Roxboro; Miss Irene Broom, at Durham Business College; Miss Elizabeth Gainey, 1008 W. Chapel Hill Street, at Mrs. O'Kelly's. The following children were baptized on the first Sunday: Ethel May Bell and Lucile Byrd Draughan, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Draughan, of West Main Street.

Paragraphs on Many Things

Mrs. Cabot Pickett died at her home on Chapel Hill Street after a painful sickness of many weeks. She passed away quietly after testifying her faith in Christ and signifying her willingness to go. Her little child, born during the illness of the mother, lingered only a few days and then was laid to rest beside the mother. May grace, mercy and peace be granted to those who mourn their loss.

On September 24th there were 632 reported present in Sunday School at Memorial. This is probably the largest attendance for an ordinary Sunday during the history of the church. Still a large number of men and women do not attend who should in all reason go. These glorious Sundays this fall are enough to take the excuses from every mouth. Only one thing keeps these folks from being present, and that is they do not want to go, for we go to the places where we wish to go.

The congregation regrets the long sickness of Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Venable. They are missed from the choir. We are glad however that Mrs. Hamlin is able to be at home from the hospital, and we trust that both she and Mrs. Venable will soon be restored to health. Mrs. Mason is rendering valuable service with the organ and choir during this period, and she should have the utmost co-operation from the singers and from all the people.

Some others who have been sick are Miss Hahn, Mrs. L. C. Draughan, Mr. George Crabtree, Mrs. Thomas Brock, Mrs. T. B. Harris, Mrs. W. T. Britt, Miss Mary Washington Stagg, Mrs. T. V. Andrews. These are nearly all recovering, for which the church is thankful.

The Epworth League held its monthly literary and social

meeting in the basement of the church on Thursday night, September 21st. Nearly a hundred of the young folks were present. Songs, speeches, talk, literary contest and refreshments were mixed together in a very pleasing way to the delight of all who attended. The devotional services on Sundays are also starting off well this fall. League officers elected are as follows: President, M. S. Lewis; vice-president, Irving Allen; secretary, Carl Timberlake; corresponding secretary, Miss Evelyn Reade; treasurer, Miss Virginia Clarke; *Era* agent, Miss Lillian Pickard; heads of departments, first, A. J. Hobbs; second, Miss Roberta West; third, Miss Rachel McLaren; fourth, Harmon Hoffman.

The prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings have had more life and inspiration in them lately. The attendance on three of the nights was 50 and 83 and 73. The pastor requests all the congregation to come on the nights between this and the meeting in the church in order that they may get themselves in readiness for a revival. Much good is to be gotten from these mid-week services. Our people will do well to break away from their old customs and come next Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock.

As the Bible reading for October the pastor suggests the Book of Acts. There is not quite one chapter for each day. This book is especially appropriate for the present month in view of our meeting to be held during that time. Much will be found in the Acts on personal religion and a spiritual church membership. The coming of the Spirit, and preaching, and conversion are all found there. It will be of great interest to find the number of times the Christians bear witness or testify concerning their faith in Christ. On every page of the book is the record of something being done. A careful study of these chapters will bring a deepening and a cleansing to the spiritual life of all of us.

Do you some times attend the night services on Sunday? Or do you find yourself too feeble to venture out twice in the same day? This is probably a sign that old age is striking you. The neighbors have been noticing this for some time, and now you begin to feel it. Did you ever go calling on Sunday night and thereby keep your friends from going to church? They had decided to go that night but changed their minds after you dropped in. Of course they told you they did not care to go, and so all of you settled down for a comfortable evening, and nobody went. How would it do for you to come next Sunday night just to see what you have been missing?

“Safely through another week
God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek,
Waiting in his courts today:
Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest.”

Children's Page

A little daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Andrews, and was named Lucy for her mother. The Kingdom of Heaven is just that much nearer Burch Avenue since she came. Go up and have a talk with her when she is able to look at the light without blinking her eyes.

The following boys received Bibles from the Sunday School on the last Sunday of September as a token of promotion from the Junior Department to the Intermediate: Willie Frazier, Arthur Herndon, Carrington Smith, Ned Karnes, Ralph Clements, William Faucette. The pastor had the pleasure of presenting the Bibles in behalf of the school.

These members of the Primary Department were given certificates of promotion to the Junior Department: Edna Adams, Violet Faucette, Nellie Garrard, Sallie Gattis, Inez Harris, Nancy Herndon, Mildred Holland, Helen Reade, Catharine Warren, Cara West, James Cunningham, Hal Gurganus, Alfred Holton, Meredith Johnson, Thomas King, Sam Pope, Lawrence Rogers, Rowland Runnels, Guy Simpson, Taylor Sipple, Banks Terry, David Weldon, Arthur Weisner. Memorial Church should be proud of all these young folks who are doing such good work in their classes.

How old will you be at your next birthday? Are you old enough, do you think, to give your heart to Jesus and become a Christian? Of course you expect to do this some time; would it not be a good thing to do so this fall? It is so much better to start when you are young, and if the Lord gives you a long life, you will then have many years to live for Him. Speak to father and mother, or to your teacher, or to Brother North, and any of them will be glad to explain the matter to you.

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Holy Communion, October first, morning and night.

Revival services, October twenty-second.



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